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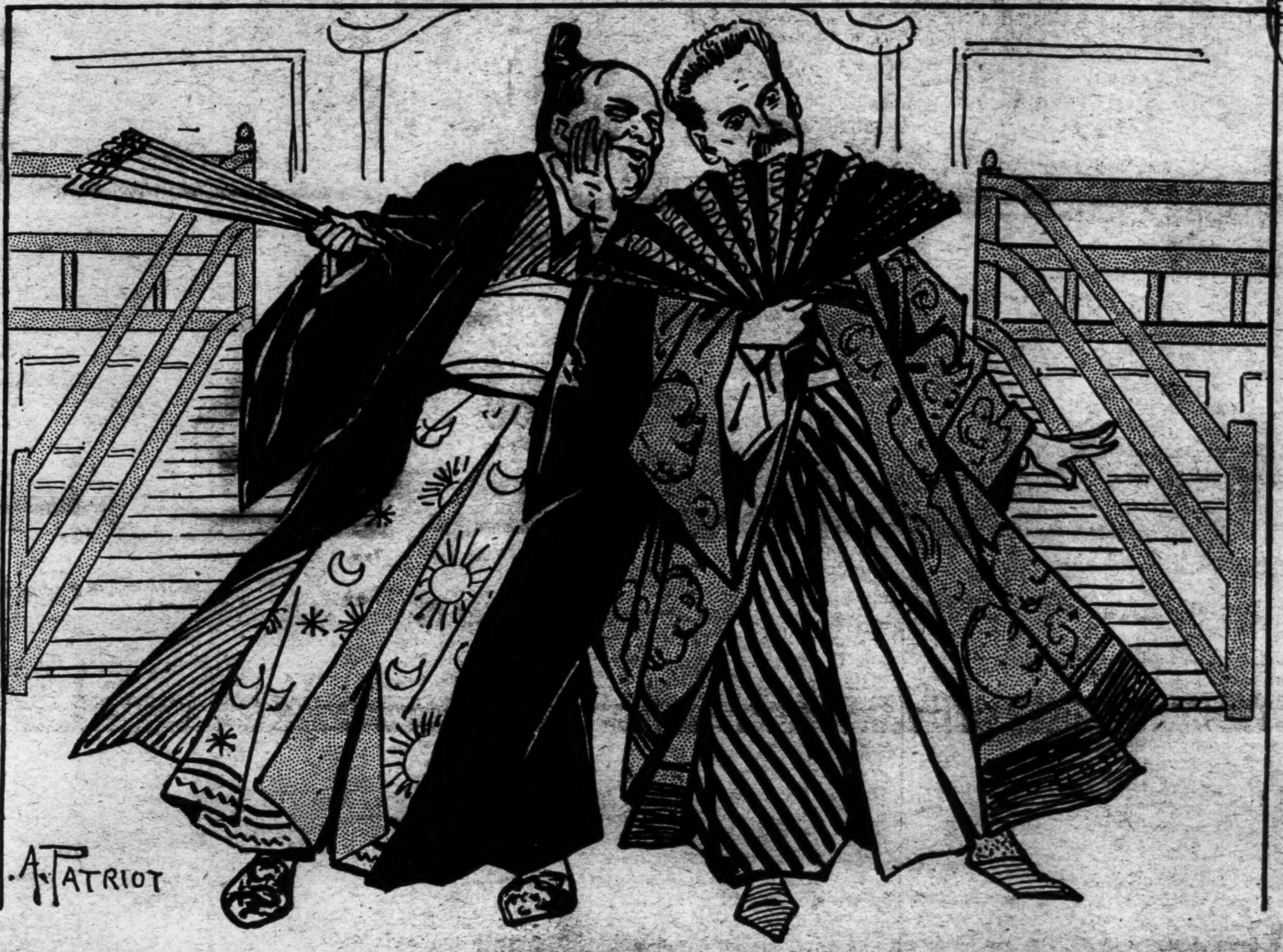

POOH BAH (Lord Haldane): "Speaking as Lord Chancellor, I regard the income of a married woman as nearly as possible as that of an unmarried person; but, speaking on behalf of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, I regard the woman and her income as the mere chattels of her husband."

KO KO (Mr. Wilks): "That is extremely awkward."

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK

It is with profound regret that we place before our readers the grave statement which appears on the following page signed by Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst and by ourselves. Severe as is the shock which we know this will be to our readers, we can assure them that no pain which they suffer in consequence of it can possibly exceed the pain which we feel ourselves in giving it publication, or the distress which we have experienced before deciding to take this course.

The Future of the Paper

Nevertheless, now that that course has definitely been taken, we look forward with confidence to the future. So far as this paper is concerned, for which alone we have now any right to speak, it is our intention to continue along the main lines which we have adopted since we founded it five years ago. It will advocate absolute political equality of status between men and women. It will consistently oppose every Government which refuses to give effect to this fundamental principle. It will show the futility of so-called constitutional methods while the only weapon which is really constitutional—the Parliamentary vote—is withheld from women.

The Position of the Government

The position of the Government is daily becoming more and more involved. With regard to the Suffrage Bill, they are already making another turn in their tortuous path. In the first place, it is now authoritatively stated that no progress will be made with this measure before Christmas. Secondly, the rumour that the Manhood Suffrage Bill is to be replaced by a Plural Voting Bill is being revived. The *Daily Citizen* credits Mr. Illingworth, the chief Liberal Whip, with an inferential statement to this effect, and P. W. W. openly heads his column in the *Daily News* of Wednesday last with the words "Bills which must pass: Irish, Welsh, *Plural Voting*, and Labour." These expressions are probably in the nature of feelers to see whether a complete breach of the Prime Minister's promises in the letter as well as in the spirit would involve a depth of dishonour too shameful to be covered up with honeyed words in the Liberal Press. If this is found to be the case, the solemn farce of debating Woman Suffrage will be gone through, while the cards have been so arranged in advance that it will be defeated. As to the Irish imbroglio of the Government, it does not directly concern us, except to point out what cowards the Government have shown themselves to be. For while they vigorously prosecute women for conspiracy they fear to attack the far greater conspiracy of Sir Edward Carson. In common with others, we ask how the Government will have the courage to pass Home Rule if they have not the courage to take this preliminary step to suppress open revolt? And if they dare not pass Home Rule, how long will they stay in office?

The Labour Party and Woman Suffrage

Meanwhile the attitude of the Labour Party on Woman Suffrage goes from bad to worse. Mr. Lansbury's spirited challenge to his colleagues to come boldly out and fight definitely and consistently against the Government until they change their

GRAVE STATEMENT BY THE LEADERS

At the first re-union of the leaders after the enforced holiday, Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst outlined a new militant policy, which Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence found themselves altogether unable to approve.

Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Christabel Pankhurst indicated that they were not prepared to modify their intentions, and recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence should resume control of the paper, VOTES FOR WOMEN, and should leave the Women's Social and Political Union.

Rather than make schism in the ranks of the Union, Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence consented to take this course.

In these circumstances, Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will not be present at the Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on October 17.

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Christabel Pankhurst
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policy on this question has met with opposition and disapproval. The *Labour Leader*, the official organ of the I.L.P., says frankly that it does not think the Labour Party could turn out the Government if it tried, and if it could it would be a mistake, for it would let the Tories in. Such pusillanimity destroys the whole basis on which the independent character of the Labour Party has been built up. If the Labour Party dare not oppose the Government, it may as well take the name "Liberal" without delay. At the great meeting on Friday last in the Royal Albert Hall, with Mr. Anderson, chairman of the I.L.P., in the chair, an attempt was made to obtain an answer to the plain question as to what the Labour Party intended to do in order to fulfil its pledges to women. No answer was given, the chairman refusing to answer questions, in the best approved Liberal manner. When, in addition to these facts, we know that some individual members of the Labour Party even go so far as to say that they will vote for the third reading of the Manhood Suffrage Bill, whether women are included or not, it is surely extraordinary that a section of Woman Suffragists continue to trust blindly to the Labour Party.

The Sale of the Editors' House

The latest advice received from Holmwood is to the effect that the Government are taking the initial steps towards proceeding to extremities in the case of The Mascot, the residence of the Editors of this paper. We are informed that the bailiffs are taking an inventory of all the things in the house, and that the announcement of the date of the sale may be made at any moment. The announcement will be sent by us to the Woman's Platform in the *Standard*. We await this latest act of persecution on behalf of the Government in confidence that a large number of our friends will be present on that occasion to stand by us and to show the Government that by such actions it only hastens the day of the victory for women.

Mr. Wilks and the House of Lords

Mr. Wilks has not only beaten the Government, he has forced the House of Lords to debate the anomaly of the laws concerning the income of married women, and has drawn from the Lord Chancellor the admission that in this respect the law remains practically in the position that it did half a century ago, and that the present state of the law cannot be defended. We may add that under the laws of fifty years ago the married woman and her property were both regarded as the mere chattels of her husband.

Will the Law be Amended?

The Lord Chancellor threw out hopes that Mr. Lloyd George would be able to amend the law. But what women want to know is whether the law is going to be amended merely to protect husbands from going to prison, or whether the root of the wrong will be attacked; for though in the isolated case of Mr. Wilks it was the man who suffered, in the vast majority of cases it is the woman. Thus in the case of a man and wife whose joint income is below the exemption level the woman cannot recover her income tax forcibly exacted from her at the source; the law deprives her of that part of her separate income, and hands it to her husband. Again, where a man and his wife are separately in business, and the woman is making money and the husband losing it, she cannot set his losses against her gains, as he would be able to do in the reverse circumstances. These are merely examples of the antiquated and unjust condition of the law, which will continue until women are enfranchised.

Two Important Precedents

We have to record two important precedents which have been made at Hertford Quarter Sessions, where Miss Jane Shortt, a Suffragist, has been tried for breaking a window at Baldock as a protest against the Government. In the first place one of the jurors, Mr. Price, took the manly course of refusing to serve on the jury to try a woman under these circumstances; he was allowed to go. In the second place the Chairman, in passing sentence of three months upon her, stated that the imprisonment would be in the first division. Severe as is the sentence, we are glad that at least the political nature of the offence has been recognised by the division to which the prisoner is allocated.

What Justice is Coming To

There are to be no prosecutions at Llanystumdwy! That, in effect, is the answer which Mr. Ellis Griffith was put up on behalf of Mr. McKenna to give to Lord Robert Cecil in the House of Commons on Tuesday. It comes to this, then, that if a man or a woman lays a hand on Mr. Lloyd George to detain him while asking him a question, they are liable to a sentence of two months' imprisonment with hard labour. But if a woman is set upon, beaten, her hair torn out in handfuls and her clothes torn off her back, her assailants go scot free.

The Police Blamed

Of course, the Government have an excuse ready; and, as usual, they put the blame on their subordinates. The police, it is said, cannot identify the assailants. If this were really true, it would speak pretty badly for our police system. Here was a meeting at which Mr. Lloyd George and everyone else knew that women were likely to be present to put a few questions in the course of his speech. The experience of former Welsh meetings must have shown the authorities that brutal retaliation was likely; in fact, preparations for ducking the women had been openly made. Yet, in spite of these facts, we are told that not a single assailant can be identified. We are forced to the conclusion that subordinates have a wonderful way of not seeing things when it is in the interest of their superiors that they should not be seen.

Mr. Lloyd George Explains

Mr. Lloyd George has been making frantic efforts to get out of the ugly situation. In the first place, in the House of Commons, he has stated that nine-tenths of the incidents described did not take place. The answer to this is that he not only has against him the testimony of the women themselves and of several eye-witnesses, but of the representatives of the Press of the country. Does he really deny that women were beaten, that their clothes were torn off, that their hair was pulled out in handfuls? He can only deny these things by placing his solitary word against that of hundreds of others; we are afraid his veracity is not so unimpeachable as to bear the strain! In the second place, he has written a long letter to the *Standard* to tell how he pleaded with the audience to turn out the misguided women, but not to hurt them. We have no doubt that the gentleman who besought his hearers not to nail the ears of an offending citizen to the pump could have been equally emphatic in his protestations of kindliness. But the man who at Swansea asked that the women should be "ruthlessly flung out," and who at Wrexham spoke of the desirability of having hazel sticks when interruptions were made, will not escape condemnation by these disingenuous subterfuges.

The Case of Miss Jessie Brown

Anti-Suffragists, comfortably hugging their belief that women's interests are protected by the elected representatives of men, should read the discussion in the House of Commons, last Tuesday, on the case of Miss Jessie Brown, who, as we related in VOTES FOR WOMEN for October 13, 1911, was wrongfully convicted of soliciting in Glasgow, on the evidence of two plain-clothes constables. With the aid of the Personal Rights' Association, Miss Brown proved her innocence, and got her conviction quashed on appeal, but was given no compensation, though, as Mr. Wedgwood pointed out in the House on Tuesday, the same two constables had been ordered to pay £40 damages for the illegal arrest of a man. The answers given by Mr. McKinnon Wood to the questions put by Mr. Wedgwood, Lord Robert Cecil, and others, were unsatisfactory to the last degree. "It was not a matter over which he had any control." "The magistrates were not called upon to explain their reasons for refusing to grant compensation." "There was no appeal from their decision," and so on, and so on. All we can say is that if there is no power in the State to compel the payment of damages to a working woman whose reputation has been seriously injured by a terrible charge, it is no wonder that militant Suffragists go to prison in their hundreds in order to obtain that power.

Property versus Human Life

Although militant Suffragists have suffered long terms of imprisonment, with hard labour and without the option of a fine, in many cases for breaking only a few shillingsworth of glass, it appears from recent cases in the courts that quite a lot of human damage may be effected by enfranchised citizens with no fear of imprisonment at all. At York, last week, a woman summoned her husband for assault, and proved with the help of witnesses that he had struck her seven times, and the baby once by mistake. The Chairman of the Bench, according to the *Yorkshire Herald*, said "the magistrates had considered the case carefully, and the assault, *which was a gross and aggravated one*, would be met by a fine of ten shillings and costs." Presumably a man can strike his wife once for the trifling sum of one and three-sevenths of a shilling.

"If It Occurred Again!"

For thirty shillings a child can be the victim of even worse brutality. This was the fine imposed on a man of fifty, who, at Wallsend, recently committed an assault upon a little girl of five years old. A similar punishment was considered sufficient in another case, reported in the *Child's Guardian*. A little girl of eight, sent to buy a postal order, lost it on the way home. The money was found and taken to her home, but on the child's return, the father,

> taking off the leather strap he wore, and doubling it, hit her across the arms and shoulders; and then thrashed her unmercifully on the bare body.
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> "As defendant had been a very cruel father," said the Bench, "he would have to pay a fine of thirty shillings, inclusive. If it occurred again it would be imprisonment without the option of a fine."

It would be interesting to know why any penalty was inflicted at all, since no sanguine anticipations seemed to be entertained as to its having a deterrent effect.

We have pleasure in calling attention to the notice appearing on page 38 in which Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver point out that it was not by their wish that any writ was ever served upon the Editors of this paper in connection with the breakages of windows last March.

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LINES TO PHYLLIS, A SUFFRAGIST

By a Man of the World

Come, Phyllis, let us have it out;
We find so much to talk about;
You see your way so clear, and I
See it so dimly—let me try
To flood thought's jungle dark and dense
With the sane light of common-sense.
You are too little and too frail,
Too young to guess the ills that ail
Our cynical old world; it stands
With sword and bank-book in its hands,
And mocks you. Oh, before you start
Against the world to bruise your heart,
Take counsel for a moment—gauge
The powers that rule our brazen age—
Think what the force that governs men is—
Back to your dances and your tennis!
Turn, turn those pitiful clear looks
On etchings, opera-scores and books;
Where morning glimmers green and gold,
Forget how quick the world grows old,
And where gay lamps by night are swung,
Only remember *you* are young!—
I would not have your hopes debarred
From any effort not too hard;
You cannot come, I think, to harm,
If, with your basket on your arm,
From grateful villagers you cull
The name of Lady Bountiful;
Don't leave your vicar in the lurch,
But help to decorate the church;
Take part—and earn no human strictures—
For charity, in living pictures,
Or modestly, behind the scenes,
Hand tea and coffee, by all means;
And if there chance to come your way
(You're pretty—that's the card to play)
Comfort—and income—of a man,
Take them, and thank your stars you can!
So shall your traffic with your kind
Be comfortable, sweet, *and blind;*
Which, in a world so bitter bad,
Is far the best that can be had.
For think—what folly if you choose
To put your peace away, to bruise
Hands, heart, and all of that weak frame
Against the strength of sin and shame,
To venture in your cockle-boat
Where the grey navies lie afloat,
To pit against those loaded dice
The luck of mere self-sacrifice,
Against gold's glitter and steel's gleam
One lost and high and hopeless dream,
One lonely spear, one quivering light,
Against the nations and the night!—
Let's put aside whatever beast
Lurks in recesses of the East,
And with its chilly, changeless gaze
Threatens our occidental days:
Let's not consider what they do
In Argentina or Peru:
Let's be contented not to think
Of that intolerable stink
Which, where the Grand Dukes sit to sup,
Siberia's prisons offer up:
Let's leave the future and the past,
And, for one moment—one, the last—
Reckon just only, now and here,
What strengths against your strength appear—
Greed, of the purse and of the senses,
Prejudice, backstairs influences,
Lethargy, sodden, sunken, base,
Corruption of the bloated face
And hasty fingers and puffed eyes
And mouth and gesture gross with lies,
Comfort that snuggles into bed
When night with signal-fires is red,
And lust that 'mid the modern mêlée
Goes serpent-like upon its belly,
Or rears aloft its signs obscene—
Ah, Phyllis, guess not what they mean,
Nor understand the tale that speaks
From tired eyes and painted cheeks!—
Think of the folk who bar your way;
Half stupid and half bad are they,
And wholly set to turn your name
Into a butt for jests of shame—
The business-men, who call it silly
To try to sweeten Piccadilly—
Perhaps because their cash smells sweet
Between Bond Street and Regent Street!—
The lawyers, who reject the need
That happy women have to plead
For their unhappy sisters—then
The chivalrous poetic men,
Who dread lest women should be marred
By action, and fight for them, hard—
So long, of course, as women too
Do only what they ought to do—
So long, that is, as wickedness
Triumphs, and women acquiesce!—
Think of the liars of the Press!—
Think of the youths who up and down
In taxis go about the town,
The colours of whose socks are blent
To fit them for enfranchisement,
Whose locks are greased, whose manly breasts
Are fancy-vested interests—
Think of the candidate whose smile
Is surely feminine for guile,
Who round his little finger twists
Distinguished lady-novelists—
Think of the minister whose sneer
Earns him five thousand pounds a year,
Wrung from the sorry poor for whom
His legislation finds no room—
Think of Proconsuls, and the yet
Less liberal Liberal Cabinet,
Who lie, and cringe, and boast, and turn
Coats that like Nessus' shirt should burn,
And, by the tricks they're smart and slim in,
Cause other men to torture women!
Think of the Church, the Bench, the Bar,
Smugly upholding things that are,
Taking their pay and preaching calm—
The wisdom of the itching palm!
Think how the doctor sells his honour
To bind a girl and put upon her
Foul outrage, for a payment dirty
As once were the Iscariot's thirty
Pieces of silver—Phyllis, Phyllis,
That was the cost then, and it still is!
Think of all this, and if all fails
To crush and sicken, think of Wales!
King Arthur sojourned there, we know,
And his pure knights went to and fro
To succour ladies in distress;
But now in Wales they rend the dress
And tear the hair and smash the face
Of them that carry light and grace;
In a queer trembling kind of lust
They trample women in the dust;
They disestablish word and deed
Of all God taught them for a creed;
Revivalists of some base strain,
They crucify their Lord again:
Alas, how cheap Christ's limbs are priced
In Wales, that brags of serving Christ!—
Dear, trust me, in the way of what
You hold so sacred, unforgot,
Untarnished, in your bosom pure,
Stand all the forces that endure—
Inertia, and cash, and sin:
Accept the fact, and so give in!
Be sane, be practical—forget
You ever were a Suffragette!
That's common-sense!

And yet—and yet—
Since you remind me, it is true
You have strong friends that fight for you;
The naked sands and the stark stones
Where Freedom's soldiers left their bones
Have not forgotten; still there rings
A true note at the heart of things;
Out of the squalor and the dust
Rise presences austere, august;
And History perhaps has scope
Not for shame only, but for hope.
Like a clear lamp in windy dark
Burns on the name of Joan of Arc,
And hardly shall the armies fail
That follow Florence Nightingale.
The peace, the courage that endures,
These are not weak, and these are yours;
The saints and saviours from of old
Die, but they live with you enrolled;
And dimly seen, but surely there,
Behind the noble and the fair
Who through the centuries have spent
Their lives for liberty, content
With the great freedom death allows—
Behind those pale and laurelled brows
We, of the present, half-descry
The Power that cannot trick nor lie,
That changes not, that perseveres
Sublime through ignominious years,
That burns for ever with the splendour
Our hearts find terrible and tender,
That makes no claim, that wails no woe,
That is the single good we know:
And, as we watch it, on our sense
Prevails the soul's omnipotence;
The music of the coming light
Thunders and flames for sound and sight;
The hosts of Freedom on the march
Have Heav'n for their triumphal arch;
The voices of their song arise
As morning shouts along the skies;
From rank to rank the orders run,
The flags flung forward take the sun,
The cymbals and the fifes begin——

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God bless you, Phyllis. You will win.

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MILITANCY AT HOME AND ABROAD

FIRST DIVISION FOR MISS SHORTT

At Hertford Quarter Sessions on Monday last Miss Jane Shortt, of Letchworth, was convicted of breaking three plate-glass windows at Baldock post-office with stones on July 10 and doing damage to the amount of five guineas.

Miss Shortt made a statement in which she explained that she broke the windows as a protest against the Government for not giving votes to women.

The Chairman said the Court was willing to discharge the defendant if she would undertake not to repeat her conduct, and be bound over for twelve months.

Miss Shortt refused to give such an undertaking, and was sent to prison for three months in the first division. The Chairman said this was a course which had not so far been adopted by any other Court.

An important precedent was set up by the release from service of Mr. C. Price, a grand juror who had already stated that he had a conscientious objection against women being tried by men.

Mr. Price attended the court, having been informed by the Sheriff's Officer that he could not be excused. His name was not read from the grand jury list. After the other jurors had been sworn Mr. Price remained standing among them. He was twice requested by an usher to be seated, and upon his refusing, the Clerk of the Court was consulted.

An usher having been sent with the message, "You are at liberty to go," Mr. Price left the court.

It is thought that the precedent thus established will be widely copied in other parts of the kingdom by men of similar convictions.

TRIAL OF MISS CRAGGS

At Oxford To-Day

The trial of Miss Helen Craggs, which, it will be remembered, was postponed to the October Sessions, opens at Oxford to-day, Friday, October 18, at eleven o'clock, before Mr. Justice Ridley. The counsel for the defence will be Mr. Cecil Walsh. Miss Craggs was indicted on July 20 with "being found at one a.m. on July 13 upon the garden in the occupation of Mr. Lewis Harcourt, M.P., for an unlawful purpose, to wit, to commit the felony of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to a house and building belonging to Mr. Harcourt."

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND LLANYSTUMDWY

In the House of Commons on Thursday night, during the discussion on the allocation of time for the Home Rule Bill, Mr. Lloyd George, referring to Ulster, said:—

"No man has any right to jest at the honest convictions of any man. I belong to a small nationality myself, the smallest nationality in this kingdom and a nationality which for its size—[An Hon. Member: "Which pulls women's hair out."] That, just like a good many things which I have heard, is an utter falsehood.

Lord Hugh Cecil: Is the right hon. gentleman entitled to say an observation falling from another hon. Member of this House is a falsehood?

Mr. Speaker: I really do not know what the truth is about this matter. Certain facts were recorded in the newspapers. The hon. Member for Warrington (Mr. Harold Smith) has taken one view, and the right hon. gentleman who was present denies that view to be correct.

Mr. Harold Smith: If the right hon. Gentleman disagrees with or wishes to deny a statement of an hon. Member, is he in order in saying that statement is an utter falsehood?

Mr. Speaker: The statement repeated by the hon. Member for Warrington must have been taken from the newspaper. I understand the Chancellor of the Exchequer was denying that statement, and when he said it was falsehood he meant the statement which had appeared in the newspapers was a falsehood.

Mr. Lloyd George: If the hon. member had been present and had said he had seen it with his own eyes, I agree it would have been very different. Let me say that the whole of that story is not merely grossly exaggerated, but nine-tenths of it is an unutterable falsehood. I was present, and saw the whole thing. I do not want, however, to be drawn aside into a controversy about that. I only want to say this: I am the last man in this House to ridicule the passions, the feelings, the sympathies, and even the prejudices of a small nationality.

Mr. Ronald M'Neill: You try to, but nobody minds.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S PROTEST

The following appeared in the *Standard* of Wednesday, October 16:—

To the Editor of the *Standard*.

Sir,—My attention has been called to a very excited article written by Mr. Morley Roberts in your issue of Friday referring to the unfortunate incidents which occurred in connection with the ejection of Suffragists from a meeting at Llanystumdwy. In the course of his observations he seeks to cast the blame for those incidents—grossly exaggerated as they have been—entirely upon me. He says:—

Had he (meaning myself) said when he commenced his speech that any violence to interrupters, or anything more than their immediate and quiet removal, would meet with his displeasure, seeing that it would do him grave political damage, no such shameful incident would have disgraced Wales or its patron saint.

If Mr. Roberts had taken the slightest trouble to acquaint himself with the facts he would have known not merely that I had repeatedly made that appeal to the audience, but that I actually commenced my address with such an appeal. My very first sentence was an entreaty to the people not to do any harm to these misguided ladies. Unfortunately, that sentence was never concluded, because one of them chose to interrupt it and to create a scene before I had time to convey my sincere wish to the assembled crowd. As soon as the interrupter had been removed, I renewed my appeal. Several times in the course of the proceedings I urged the audience not to do any harm to the women. I will quote from the *Manchester Guardian* a report of what actually took place: —

His first words were in Welsh: "If there is anyone here prepared to make a disturbance——" and he had only said this when a woman's voice was heard calling out "Votes for women!" She was instantly observed on the right of the platform, was pounced upon and swiftly ejected from the field. Cries of "Down to the river with her!" were raised. Calm being restored, Mr. Lloyd George said: "I was going to make an appeal to you. I felt tolerably certain that there would be somebody here, and I was going to make an appeal to my fellow-countrymen that, whatever happened, they should not do them any harm. If you like to remove them, by all means do so, but don't harm them. They are misguided, and they are inflicting damage upon their own cause which it will take years to repair."

I quote further from the *Cambrian News*, which has a fuller report of the proceedings:—

The second Suffragist and a third and fourth were ejected in the next few minutes amid wild scenes, and the Chancellor, who shouted appeals again and again to the crowd not to do them harm, remarked to those on the platform, "I am doing my best to save their lives, but I cannot be responsible for what happens if these interruptions continue."

I assume that Mr. Morley Roberts is not deliberately suppressing these facts. He has simply not taken the trouble to acquaint himself with the facts as reported. Now that he knows what took place, if he is a gentleman he will apologise. If he is not, it makes no difference to anyone whether he apologises or not.—Yours faithfully, D. Lloyd George.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall.
October 15, 1912.

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The substance of the article by the well-known writer, Mr. Morley Roberts, referred to by Mr. Lloyd George is as follows:—

Mr. Asquith and Mr. George—to say nothing of others, or of the Liberals as a party—have treated the Suffrage movement in the most treacherous and cowardly way. . . . Forcible feeding is at once a disgrace to the unfortunately constituted medical men who undertake it and to the Government; but what is it compared with these outrages in Wales? For these Mr. George should be held politically and personally responsible.

That a mob can be brutal and cowardly no student of humanity has to learn, but what a student of the meanest aspects of political humanity may still wonder at is conduct like that of the great Welsh leader in the one place in his own country where he is lord of all he looks upon. It was in Llanystumdwy an understood thing that any interruption by women was to be met by the extremest measures. This was known to everybody. It was expected even by those who did not know how far brutality had already been carried in other places. If it was known and looked for, by whom should it have been better known than by Mr. George himself? . . .

In most parts of his own country Mr. George's word is law with the lower classes. In this particular place, whatever he said would have been accepted simply and acted upon without any demur. This he cannot deny, and now no one would accept his pledged word to the contrary if he offered it. Nevertheless, he did not do what any gentleman would have done. This would have astonished nobody if it had been a less serious case. Had he said when he commenced his speech that any violence to interrupters, or anything more than their immediate and quiet removal, would meet with his displeasure, seeing that it would do him grave political damage, no such shameful incident would have disgraced Wales or its patron saint.

I am certain that many thousands of Englishmen must feel as I do, or I should not write. If their enforced absence from the polls on a point of personal honour should presently result in a return of the Conservatives to power, they will be consoled by the reflection that Mr. Arthur Balfour, or, let us say, Lord Hugh or Lord Robert Cecil, would be incapable of acting, either by commission or calculated omission, as Mr. Lloyd George has done to his eternal dishonour.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AT THE HOTEL CECIL

The National Union of Journalists held their annual banquet at the Hotel Cecil on the evening of October 12, when the guest of the evening was the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George. A long list of well-known artists had been prevailed upon to contribute towards the entertainment to follow, and if there were some unexpected items surely the management should be obliged to those who gave their assistance unasked and unthanked!

After dessert had been served and short speeches had been made by Mr. Sanders and Mr. J. O'Donovan, the Chancellor rose to reply to the toast of "The Imperial Parliament." At the same time a Suffragist present stood up, and in a loud voice cried: "Mr. Lloyd George, why did you permit such disgusting violence to be used to the women at your Welsh meeting?" He was not allowed to finish his speech, but was persuaded by half a dozen men to leave the hall. Mr. Lloyd George then put on his Political and Suffrage smile, and, referring to the interruption, said: "You know, I should have thought there was something wrong if——" At this point I rose also, and continued his sentence: "You are right, there is something wrong. We must have a Government measure for Votes for Women . . . ." I should have added "this Session," but time pressed, and the unsympathetic embrace of a large wooden screen rather spoilt the conclusion of my remarks.

F.

MR. URE AT HALIFAX

On Friday, October 11, Mr. Ure visited Halifax, and was questioned by women Suffragists as to the Government's action, both in regard to the "Reform" Bill and the Home Rule Bill. The *Halifax Guardian* says:—

"The fierce resentment shown by a steward to a Suffragette interrupter at last night's meeting accorded ill with some happenings in the past. We seem to remember an occasion when Lord Camperdown visited Halifax, and was not heckled, but refused the chance of any sort of hearing. The infuriated Liberals of Halifax actually stamped him down. Several men last night made interjections, one of which, directed to Alderman Smith, was personal and abusive, but no attempt was made to interfere with him or any other man whose voice was heard in opposition. That being the case, the women's mild interposition towards the close of a wearisome speech might have been passed over with more credit to the chivalry of the Liberal party in Halifax. Instead of which there were stern and angry shouts of 'Turn them out!'"

AN ECHO OF SIR RUFUS ISAACS MEETING AT EDINBURGH

A correspondent visiting Scotland from South Africa writes:—

The pluck of these women was something magnificent, for the crowd was bestial in its yells, and the expression on quite decent-looking men's faces was horrible. I wonder how they can believe their sex to be superior to ours, and how many of them would have risen alone and unsupported in the face of such hostility? It was not like advancing in a body; each woman stood alone, and loneliness is a horrible thing to most of us civilised and town-bred people. How much easier it is to do a brave deed in company, cheered on and helped by the consciousness of sympathy and support surrounding you; even the men who turned the women out did not act alone. They were shot out like arrows from the crowd, with one poor woman for a target, but they will not be like the arrow in the song, for who shall fathom the effect of those darts? They have started waves of influence, which will increase as waves do, and, increasing, bear all before them. Already their influence is telling. Trembling, angry individuals rushed from that room. A perfect storm of abuse has fallen upon the perpetrators of that evening's outrages, and everyone is asking, "Why are women mishandled and treated worse than men? Why are their questions ignored? Why are they driven to behave as tradition and circumstances have taught them to hate to behave?" And everyone gets the same reply, "Because they don't count; they have not got the vote." I cannot vouch for others, but I know that the sight of our militant friends, and their wonderful pluck at that meeting converted me from disapproval to ardent support of the fighting tactics.

LONDON WOMEN GRADUATES AND HOME RULE

The following resolution has been passed unanimously by the committee of the London Graduates' Union for Women's Suffrage, and has been forwarded to members of the Cabinet and other prominent members of the House of Commons: "That this committee protests against the enactment of a Home Rule Bill for Ireland which does not enfranchise women."

WOMEN'S PART IN THE WAR

The First Woman War Correspondent

The war in the Balkans has produced in Miss Mary Durham the first woman war correspondent, who is watching the campaign in Montenegro on behalf of the *Daily Chronicle*. Miss Durham is admirably fitted for the position, as she has lived twelve years in the country, and is one of the best living authorities on the Near East. Two of her most widely-read books are "The Burden of the Balkans" and "High Albania." The committee of the London District of the Institute of Journalists has sent her a telegram of congratulation.

Mr. George R. Sims, in his "Mustard and Cress" in the "Referee," writes:

"War News. The *Daily Chronicle* scores a Hit with a Miss.

"Hearty congratulations to its lady War Correspondent, Miss Mary Durham, who is with the Montenegrins. None but the Brave deserve the Fair."

Our enterprising contemporary, the *Daily Chronicle*, must be congratulated on the way it has got ahead of all its rivals this morning with a full account of the recent fighting near Podgoritza. Moreover, the telegram is signed by Miss Mary Durham, who is, we believe, the first lady war correspondent accredited to a responsible newspaper. Miss Durham's feat is all the more remarkable since not only is she acting as war correspondent for the *Chronicle*, but she is also engaged in helping to tend the sick and wounded.—**The Globe.**

How the Women are Helping.

Many Turkish ladies seem to be abandoning the attitude of strict separation from men which is the traditional position of women in the Turkish Empire. They are asking to be sent to the front in order to serve under the Red Crescent. This means a great step forward in the emancipation of the Turkish women.—**Dr. Sandle in the "Daily Chronicle."**

Montenegrin women in large numbers are aiding the men to put the road from Andrijevitza to the frontier in condition to permit the transport of artillery.—**The Times.**

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MISS MARY DURHAM

Since Florence Nightingale organised the women of England as efficient military nurses during the Crimean war, every civilised country has started nursing corps and recognised the right of women to take their share in the dangers and hardships of the battlefield, where their presence may mean life instead of death to hundreds and thousands of wounded men. And in the Balkans patriotism is a fierce thing. The women are not only nurses but soldiers. The fervent patriotism of the women of Servia, Montenegro, and Bulgaria, who can all handle a rifle as easily and familiarly as a saucepan, brings to mind many an historical instance of military heroines.—**S. R. Church** (*In an article in the "Daily Express" on "Women and War."*)

THE ATTITUDE OF THE LABOUR PARTY

(From a Correspondent.)

At the "War against Poverty" meeting at the Albert Hall on Friday, the 11th inst., Mr. W. C. Anderson presided in the Chair for Mr. Ramsay McDonald, who was prevented from attending the meeting by the advice of his doctor (sic).

A question was handed to him by one of the Suffragists present, and this he promised to answer at the end of the meeting if order were preserved. Having heard this kind of promise before, I asked him if he were "on the Square," and he said that he doubted whether I should regard anything he said as being square. He may now cease from worrying on this point.

At the conclusion of the meeting he pronounced it to be at an end without alluding to our question about the position of the Labour Party, and seeing that he evidently intended this to be dropped, I made my way to the platform, and asked him if I might take his conduct to be a typical specimen of Socialistic squareness. In reply to further questions, he was good enough to explain as follows:—

1. That he was not acting in Mr. Ramsay McDonald's stead.
2. That there was nobody there who could answer our question.
3. That this question had already been answered by Mr. Sidney Webb.

In reference to No. 3 I might point out that Mr. Sidney Webb alluded to our question in his speech in a manner implying both frivolity and insult, which I should be sorry to accept as an authoritative representation of the attitude of the Labour Party.

B. F.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the signatories thereto, I beg to draw your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to Mr. J. R. MacDonald, M.P. On Thursday night (10th inst.) the original was posted to his private address, and a copy was also sent to the House of Commons. Another copy was expressed from the G.P.O. just before 6 p.m. on Friday evening (11th inst.), addressed to "The Chairman presiding at the 'War against Poverty' Meeting, Royal Albert Hall, Friday, 11th, 1912." In the absence of Mr. J. R. MacDonald—acting on his doctor's instructions—the chair was taken by Mr. W. C. Anderson, Chairman of the Independent Labour Party. On the chairman alleging that he had not received the letter addressed to him, several questions were asked, which, although apparently unpalatable to him, he promised to answer after the speeches. Notwithstanding the repeated requests to him to take questions at the end, he peremptorily closed the meeting. Naturally, this unpardonable affront to the rank and file of the I.L.P. present led to a great uproar. A perusal of the letter will clearly show you that the signatories were only actuated by an earnest desire to ascertain from, or through, Mr. J. R. MacDonald the attitude of the Labour Party regarding Women's Suffrage this session. As we feel—apart from the discourteous treatment by our chairman—that the honour of the Labour Party is at stake, we think every publicity should be given to the facts relating to last Friday's proceedings.—Yours, &c.,

Fredk. E. Matzen.

The following is the letter referred to:

Dear Comrade,—In view of the various interpretations by the Press of your answer, "Certainly, certainly," to the question, "Will you turn out the Government?" which was publicly put to you during your speech at the Albert Hall on February 13 last, we feel, as members of the I.L.P. that we are only voicing the opinion of a large number of its members in now requesting you, in a spirit of comradeship, to make a public announcement, prior to your opening spech at to-morrow's demonstration at the Albert Hall, as to your position, by answering the following questions:—

When are you going (1) to give effect to the resolution enthusiastically passed at the Albert Hall meeting on February 13 last, and (2) to redeem the pledge given by you on the same occasion, as Chairman of the Labour Party, to "turn out the Government" should it fail to give, this session, citizen rights, on equal terms, to men and women?

As Women Suffrage would be the most powerful weapon with which to "War against Poverty," we hope that you will see the reasonableness of our request, and the immediate need of complying with it.—Yours fraternally (Signed),

Frederick E. Matzen (Brixton Branch, Hon Sec.), 7, Roslyn Avenue, Camberwell.
George Alngarth (Finsbury Branch), 94, Rosebery Avenue, E.C.
W. G. Dennell (Bermondsey Branch), 15, Beechdale Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.
A. D. Macpherson (Westminster Branch).
Leslie Dibben (Surbiton Branch), Valkyrie Park Avenue, Surbiton.
William Brown (N. Lambeth Branch, Hon. Sec.), 35, Royal Street, Lambeth.

MR. SNOWDEN AT MANCHESTER

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Editors,—The present attitude of the Labour Party towards Votes for Women does not seem very encouraging. I was present at the Joint Demonstration of the N.U.W.S.S. and other societies held at the Albert Hall, Manchester, on Thursday last. Mr. Snowden's speech was all right as a general sort of exposition of the movement, but he had nothing definite to say as to what tactics might be expected from the Labour Party. Among other things, he suggested such hard and sustained effort on the part of Suffragists for the next few months as they had never shown before. I sent up a question saying that in view of his statement to this effect, did not he think it would be good for the Labour Party to begin now, and, by opposition of the Government, to force the Government to bring in a measure for Votes for Women. When his time came to answer questions, Mr. Snowden said: "I have received a lot of questions, mostly in the same handwriting, having reference to the policy of the Labour Party. I do not keep the conscience of the Labour Party; I am merely here to give my own views." He then went on to answer general questions. I suppose my question must have come in the category to which Mr. Snowden referred, as it was the only reference he made to it.—Yours in the cause,

Stephen Forrester.

45, Grosvenor Road, Whalley Range, Manchester.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir,—The following questions were sent to Mr. Snowden after his speech in the Albert Hall, Manchester, on Thursday last. The Chairman invited questions to be sent up in writing. It seemed to me these questions had a real bearing upon the subject matter of Mr. Snowden's very eloquent speech, and I venture to think many besides myself would have been deeply interested in Mr. Snowden's replies. No replies were given. Verb. sap.—Yours, &c., (Rev.) A. E. Cornibeer.

Sacred Trinity Rectory, 27, Blackfriars Road, Salford, Manchester.

The Questions

"In view of the *Daily Citizen*"s frank admission of the expected collapse of the Reform Bill is not Mr. Snowden now convinced that the only way to secure Votes for Women is by compelling the Government to introduce a measure enfranchising them on the same terms as men?

"The prospects for women under the Reform Bill being so nebulous will Mr. Snowden tell us what steps he proposes to take in order to give effect to the pledges of his Party, and especially of Mr. Ramsay McDonald?"

Our Bradford Correspondent writes:—

On Sunday, at Stanningley, Mrs. Norton tackled Mr. Ramsay McDonald after his meeting, asking what he had to say to the women. Ascertaining that she represented the W.S.P.U., he replied "Nothing!" Mrs. Norton reminded him that he owed his present position in a large measure to the work of women.

A CONTRADICTION

Under the heading of "Remarkable Anti-Semitic Outburst," the *Jewish Chronicle* recently published a report of a speech made by Mrs. Drummond, in which she is alleged to have said:—

> The Jews were dominating the country in the persons of Sir Rufus Isaacs and Mr. Herbert Samuel, and the women now emphatically protested against these dictators making their laws. If they were English it would not so much matter, but they were not. This was one of the principal reasons why women wanted the vote.

Mrs. Drummond asks us to publish the following contradiction:—

"I can only say that this is an entire misrepresentation of my remarks. I said, as is a well-known historical fact, that both the Jews and the Roman Catholics, until comparatively recent times, were barred out, as women still are, from taking any part in the government of their country, and that both Jewish and Catholic emancipation had only been secured after a long and difficult struggle. I said that it was, in view of this, especially sad to find that men like Sir Rufus Isaacs and Mr. Herbert Samuel should join with the other members of the Government to which they belong, in using coercive measures towards the women who are fighting to throw off the yoke of subjection from which the men of their own race have recently emancipated themselves.

"I could never say that 'if the Government were composed entirely of Englishmen it would not so much matter that the women had not the vote,' for all women, like men, need and should have a voice in the making of the laws which govern them, to whatever race or creed either they or the governors of their country may belong. Moreover, the Women's Social and Political Union welcomes women of all nations, races, and creeds to join its membership, and many of its most valued workers and speakers are Jewesses."

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A WOMAN RULER.

A good deal of interest was aroused at the present King's Coronation Durbar by the actual presence of the veiled Begam of Bhopal. Many will no doubt welcome the opportunity of coming into touch with this interesting personality through the exceedingly fascinating account of her life written by herself, the English translation of which has just been published.*

Situated in the middle of Central India, the small state of Bhopal has for the last three generations been governed by women rulers. The present ruler, Nawáb Sultán Jahan Begam, who came to the throne in the same year as the late King Edward, was born in 1858, thus first seeing the light while the terrible effects of the recent Mutiny were still very much in evidence. The birth of a female heir to the throne did not cause the disappointment usually common in Mussulman families. The author, writing of her grandmother, the ruler at the time of her birth, says:

> The Begam showed none of the regret which the birth of a girl might naturally have been expected to cause; and as soon as she saw me . . . clasped me in her arms and said, "Thank God, I am not one of those about whom it is written, 'and when one of them is told of the birth of a female his face becometh black and he is deeply afflicted' (Korán). The child is dearer to me than seven sons."

From her earliest years the present Begam was educated under the care of her grandmother with a view to fitting her well for the exalted position she was one day to occupy. It seems strange and almost cruel to Western readers that at five years old she began work at 8 a.m. (which it is interesting to note included lessons in riding and fencing), and that with the exception of one hour for recreation, lessons went on till 6 p.m.! Already at the attainment of her seventh year negotiations were set on foot for her marriage, and a boy a few years her senior was brought to the Court of Bhopal and shared in the whole life and studies of his future wife. This manner of preparing the children for their after life seems to have been entirely successful, for the marriage, which took place when Sultán Jahan Begam was fifteen, was a very happy one. In her husband she had a faithful comrade, and adviser, and great was her grief and loss at his death a few years after she became the ruler.

The Begam devotes the first half of her book to describing the public and private events which took place during her long years of heir-apparentship. A great deal of space is devoted to descriptions of ceremonial at state functions and to reproduction of formal letters which passed between the rulers of Bhopal and the supreme Government. To Western ideas, perhaps, they may seem somewhat superfluous and tiresome, but they are, nevertheless, interesting, for they give an insight into Eastern modes of thought.

In the year 1888 the Begam lost her elder daughter, who, had she lived, would have one day become the ruler. It is noteworthy and curious that in this Mohammedan State the first-born, irrespective of sex (for the little girl had two younger brothers), should be the heir-apparent. We would commend Sultán Jehan Begam's reflections on this to the notice of Christian and Western nations, who in this respect have much to learn from this Mohammedan country. The Begam writes:—

> The Sáhibzádi's death caused widespread grief. To the people of Bhopal she had been dear, not only on account of her loving disposition, but because they had looked upon her as the future ruler of the State, and one who would secure for them a continuance of those special blessings they had so long enjoyed under a woman's rule.

In 1901 the author became ruler owing to the death of her mother, and at once set about improvements and reforms in all the various state departments. One of the Begam's chief interests was education, particularly, too, the education of girls. She decided, therefore, to open and patronise personally a girls' school. The education of the girls of Bhopal was chiefly limited to a study of the Korán and the rudiments of the Urdu language, with here and there some slight knowledge of writing learnt from fathers and brothers. But their attendance at schools and their advancement in general knowledge was looked upon as a dangerous innovation. The Begam comments upon these ideas in the following vigorous and thoughtful manner:—

> With ideas of this description I have no sympathy whatever, for I believe a half-educated person is often in a worse case than one who remains altogether ignorant.

The author closes her book with the year 1904, after giving a clear and concise account of her efforts to bring about the reforms and improvements already referred to, and her struggles to make her simple and often ignorant people submit to proper precautions during the terrible visitation of the plague.

The book reveals to us a remarkable and vigorous personality, one who, in spite of purdah and the many troublesome restrictions for women entailed by the Mohammedan religion, has done, and is doing, much to prove how suitable and capable is her sex to occupy exalted positions of authority and trust. Women, by their very nature, bring to such positions a greater idea of service towards those who, in the trustful language of the simple peasant of Bhopal, may look upon them as "Our Mother."

In conclusion, a word of praise must be said for Mr. C. H. Payne's obviously excellent translation from the original Urdu, a labour which must have been of considerable difficulty when one remembers how far apart are Western and Eastern methods of thought and expression.

K. D. S.

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* "An Account of My Life." By Her Highness Nawáb Sultán Jahan Begam, C.C.S.I., G.S.I.E., Ruler of Bhopal. Translated by C. H. Payne, M.A., late Educational Adviser to the Begam. (London: John Murray.) Price 15s. net.

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> He believed in the popular convention that no man really quite understands a woman, not grasping the fact that it is often because they are so concerned with the understanding of themselves—

Which tallies with a remark made by one of his characters, Mr. Hollom:—

> "I wonder whom the world needs most, the woman who makes or the man who's made. I suppose it is the proverbial six of one to the old half-dozen of the other."

Both these extracts show at least a normal healthy view of the place of men and women in the scheme of existence. So does Mr. Thurston's treatment of the character of Christina, which is done with a real appreciation of what a sensitive woman may endure if she is married to a man who, although good and worthy, is emphatically the wrong man. Christina, too, is an artist, and the part of her that makes her a musician is the part of her that Mr. Thurston understands best, though he elaborates far more carefully the mother side of her and does not make it ring quite true. As a matter of fact, he has got away far enough from the old limited view of women to be able to see something of what many women have to endure in their relation to men, but not far enough to see that there may be another happiness for women than that which is dependent upon their love for some man. He shows with great force and clearness how Dickie's love and Dickie's art are two distinct things in his life, of which the latter is the greater. His whole study of Dickie is admirable. But he never suggests in his study of the girl Dorothy that her purely animal love for Dickie is so far from being typical as to be a little abnormal, or that there could be a woman somewhere whose love would be an inspiration and not a clog to her husband's ambition. Dorothy, as a study of a certain kind of woman—not the best kind—is well drawn. Dorothy as Woman is a gross travesty. We should not think Mr. Thurston guilty of meaning her to represent normal woman, were it not for passages like the following, which presumably reflect his own opinions:—

> The moment a girl becomes a woman, her development is complete. She can become no more. . . . In the development of purpose in her soul, the journey of a woman's life finds its completion when love comes knocking at her heart, &c.

This is really simple nonsense, and we believe the writer agrees with us. Otherwise he could not have drawn Christina so sympathetically. But, in that case, why does he get his proportions wrong by laying undue stress in his book upon the merely material side of human love and passion? We should not give so much space to the discussion of a book in which there are many passages that we deprecate strongly, were it not for the very clever study both of the boy Dickie and of his parents. Mr. Thurston, as we began by saying, is a perplexing writer.

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* "The Antagonists." By E. Temple Thurston. (Chapman and Hall. 6s.)

It is a little difficult to define exactly in what Miss Sidgwick's new book* is lacking, but we must confess it is a disappointment from the author of "Promise." In no one place can it be said that it approaches to the earlier work. Harriet Clench, "Herself," at seventeen behaves, thinks, and speaks more like a woman of thirty than a mere girl yet in her teens, and it is owing greatly to this fact no doubt that we find the book unconvincing. On the other hand, the story is not dull, and Miss Sidgwick's peculiar gift for brilliant dialogue comes out more than once, and particularly in the chapter where Madeleine, the schoolgirl with the manners and air of a grande dame, leaves her school life. The sentimental, yet human, personality, of Fräulein Lindt is very well drawn, and one is tempted to regret that she is not more of a personality in the book. Meanwhile, we still await the child of "Promise."

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* "Herself." By E. Sidgwick. (London: Sidgwick and Jackson. 6s.)

"Valserine,"* by the author of that charming book, "Marie Claire," the story of a working woman's childhood, is an outline of a few weeks of a girl's life, which we are told is intended to be worked up into a longer story. There are also a few slight sketches, written before the book "Marie Claire," which brought fame to the French sempstress who wrote it. These show, too, the wonderful style, with never a superfluous word, by which this artist paints her little life pictures. The stories are given in both English and French.

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* "Valserine." By Marguerite Audoux. (Chapman and Hall. 6s.)

BOOKS RECEIVED

"John of Jingalo." By Lawrence Housman. (London: Chapman and Hall. Price 6s.)

"Adam and Eve." By Margaret Eleanor Thompson. (Printed by the Garden City Press, Letchworth. Price 2d.)

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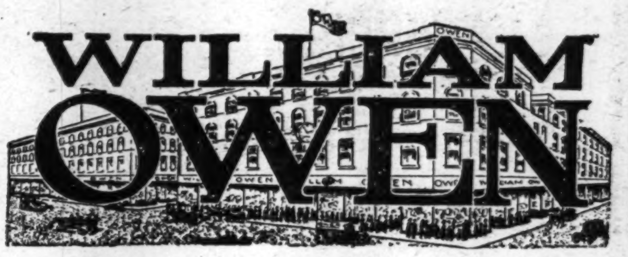

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THE PERFIDY OF POLITICIANS

Nearly a twelvemonth has elapsed since Mr. Asquith, at the instigation of Mr. Lloyd George, announced the intention of the Government to introduce during the Session of 1912 a Bill to confer full Suffrage rights upon every male adult in the country. When that statement was first made, this paper immediately recognised the perfidy which was implied. We announced that it was nothing other than a deliberate and wicked manœuvre to render null and void the spirit of Mr. Asquith's pledge which had been accepted in good faith by every Suffrage society throughout the country. We stated that it had given the death blow to the Conciliation Bill. We foresaw that Mr. Lloyd George would never really carry out his promised great Suffrage campaign throughout the country; and we prophesied that he and Mr. Asquith, having made the great betrayal, would take means to strangle any and every amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill.

Had the woman Suffragists of the country taken a united stand along these lines, had they, even while differing entirely in their methods, made a united protest against such perfidy, we believe that Mr. Asquith would have been forced to withdraw his proposal and to keep his original promise in the spirit as well as in the letter. But against this forecast of events the army of constitutional Suffragists, supported by the *Manchester Guardian* and by the honorary secretary of the Conciliation Committee, threw the whole weight of their influence and prestige. They told us that we were too hasty in our judgment, that we were too fond of being distrustful, that Mr. Lloyd George was at heart a good friend of the cause. At the critical juncture they threw dust in the eyes of the public and lulled the woman Suffragists into a false security, while they allowed the devices of Mr. Asquith and the counterfeit coin of Mr. Lloyd George to go unchallenged.

And now that the Conciliation Bill has been done to death and that the whole official weight of the Liberal Party is being concentrated on preventing the passage of any Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Manhood Suffrage Bill they are beginning to realise how they have been gulled. Speaking at Manchester last Friday, Mrs Fawcett said that Mr. Asquith, in spirit at any rate, had gone back on his promises, he had not put an honourable interpretation on his pledges. "I feel convinced," she proceeded, "that pledge or no pledge, Mr. Asquith will leave no stone unturned to defeat the Woman Suffrage Amendments." Writing in the *Standard* on Tuesday last she dots the i's and crosses the t's of this assertion. She contrasts Mr. Asquith's statement of November 17, 1911, when in reply to the question, "Would the Government undertake not to oppose the Woman Suffrage Amendments to the Reform Bill?" he said "Certainly," without any qualification whatever, with his statement on July 12, 1912, when, speaking on the second reading debate on this Bill, Mr. Asquith said, referring to the exclusion of women from the Bill:—

> I dismiss at this moment as altogether improbable the hypothesis that the House of Commons is likely to stultify itself by reversing in the same session the considered judgment at which it has already arrived.

She might have added other equally cogent proofs—Mr. Lloyd George's hilarity at having "torpedoed" the Conciliation Bill, the round robin of his Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Crawshay Williams, urging M.P.'s to vote against it, the manipulation by the Government of the Irish vote, the appeal of the Master of Elibank to Liberal Members to be loyal to their chief, and many other evidences to the same effect.

But the Constitutional Suffragists will perhaps say that all these things have happened since. To that we answer that all these individual perfidies were implied in the great perfidy of November last. Moreover, great intellects must be held to have foreseen and intended the consequences of their own decisions; when Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George made up their minds to take a certain course with regard to Woman Suffrage last year, is it to be supposed that the events which actually followed have taken them by surprise? No such suggestion can be seriously maintained. The embryo of all the falsity which has aroused the just indignation of Mrs. Fawcett lay in the statement which Mr. Asquith made in November and which was immediately shown up by us.

Now mark what happened because the Constitutional Suffragists and their Liberal allies refused to recognise the facts when they were presented to them in November last. In the first place Mr. Lloyd George's ruse succeeded; one half of the Suffrage army was decoyed away from the other half. In the second place, the people of the country were in a large measure deceived, so that when the great and necessary protests were made by the militant army in November and March they were thought by many, who would otherwise have understood them, to be signs of unaccountable madness instead of righteous indignation against a wanton betrayal. Just to the extent that the Constitutional party were successful in imposing their mistaken view upon the community as a whole, to that extent the sacrifices made by those who lifted the banner of protest and revolt have been rendered of less avail.

We have spoken very plainly concerning the past because a true discernment of what has gone before alone can enable anyone to make a satisfactory choice for the future. Merely to cry "We told you so!" would be both banal and unmannerly. But are not the Constitutional Suffragists repeating to-day in another form the same blunder that they made eleven months ago? When they ask their followers to "trust MacDonald and the Labour Party" in spite of the clear evidences of intended breach of faith, are they not once more treading the same path of unwarranted confidence as when they bade them trust the Prime Minister and Mr. Lloyd George? Is it not their obvious duty either to force the Labour Party to put its principles into practice by disentangling itself from the Liberal alliance or to withdraw from it all support and encouragement?

Finally, if the militant party of Suffragists, recognising the necessity of forcing the pace, repeat again on the same or a bigger scale the demonstration of March last, are the Constitutional party going to diminish the value of that protest by criticism directed against the women, or are they going for the first time to put the blame on the right shoulders? Are they going to say that it is the perfidy and dishonour of the Government that has brought things to this pass, and that constitutionally-minded and peace-loving as they are, the time is not far off when they too will be roused to strike a blow for the freedom of their sex?

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

THE CONSPIRACY TRIAL OF HERMIONE

(Our Critic's impression of the play now running at the Savoy Theatre.)

By an accident, arising partly out of our late arrival at the theatre and partly out of our having so much to talk about on our way there, I knew nothing, not even the name, of the new play at the Savoy when I was taken to it by a friend, just after my return to town, this autumn. I was not sorry. It was quite interesting, for once, to stumble to one's seat in the darkened theatre, without a programme, filled with pleasant curiosity as to whether the play that was going on down there within a plain white frame would turn out to be by Shaw or Shakespeare or Euripides or Pinero. The title, however, did not trouble me long. If it was not called "The Conspiracy Trial of Hermione," that was the name for it that would naturally suggest itself to any militant Suffragist. Its authorship was less easy to settle, I found, because the internal evidence was so conflicting as to the date of its composition. It was certainly too modern in some parts to be ranked among the classics—the mockery of the trial in the police-court, for instance, and the refusal of political privileges to Hermione in prison, pointed to a date certainly later than 1905. On the other hand, the general attitude towards women of the men in the play seemed to put the whole thing back in the Dark Ages that preceded the Women's Renaissance of seven years ago. No one, writing later than 1905, could have conceived the scene between Leontes and the members of his Cabinet, in which they all vow to visit Hermione's guilt on their wives and daughters, but no one proposes that the guilt of Polixines, her male partner in misdoing, should be visited on themselves and their sons.

It was the setting of the play that helped me finally towards its date. Ever since I read my Hans Andersen I have wanted the Sandman to come and open his umbrella over me, that magic umbrella that enables sleepy children to step inside the pictures in a book. At the Savoy Theatre, directly I looked into the white frame of the stage beyond the stalls, I knew that this magic joy was mine. At first I could not remember what book it was that I had stepped into. Then I remembered. It was the Yellow Book, that fantastic quarterly of the nineties in which decorative art ran amok in every known period and every known country, from ancient Greece to new Japan. It was very clever of Mr. Granville Barker, I thought, to present a play of the nineties, not in the dress of the nineties, but in the dress of its most characteristic picture-book. For the play was emphatically a play of the nineties, no matter by whom written, though for fun one could call it the work of Max Beerbohm, with illustrations by Aubrey Beardsley—but emphatically of the nineties, and written by one or more of that group of young writers who, at the extreme end of the nineteeth century, held advanced views about everything, except about women. The more modern touches in which the woman's point of view was presented rightly, though from the standpoint, I thought, rather of an observer than a sympathiser, were evidently later interpolations, perhaps from another pen. The whole character of Paulina, for instance, could have been written in after 1905, by someone who had just come in contact with the militant Suffrage movement.

These later interpolations would be therefore the most interesting portion of the play to militant Suffragists. Hermione, admirably played and with real understanding by Miss Lillah McCarthy, goes to prison to await her trial—she is refused bail, of course—like any member of the W.S.P.U. "Do not weep for me, good fools," she says,

> There is no cause: when you shall know your mistress
> Has deserved prison, then abound in tears
> As I come out: this action I now go on
> Is for my better grace.

While on remand, she is visited in prison by that delightful Suffragette of the play, Paulina, whose militant spirit has been well rendered by Miss Esmé Beringer. Waiting in the ante-room to see the Governor, and filled, as so many of us have been at the gates of Holloway since 1905, with a sense of the irony of such imprisonments, she exclaims:—

> Good lady,
> No court in Europe is too good for thee,
> What dost thou then in prison?

And later, in the same vein:—

> Here's such ado to make no stain a stain
> As passes colouring.

And, evidently on discovering that the prisoner is not in the first division:—

> Here's ado,
> To lock up honesty and honour from
> The access of gentle visitors!

It is interesting too, to find that Hermione has no more faith in petitioning the Home Secretary than any prisoner of war under a modern Liberal Government. We are told that she—

> But to-day hammered of this design,
> But durst not tempt a minister of honour,
> Lest she should be denied.

Paulina's answer to the King when he threatens to have her burnt for her defiance of the law might have been said in the dock at Bow Street:—

> I care not:
> It is an heretic that makes the fire,
> Not she which burns in't.

And the temper of the interrupted Cabinet Minister is in the King's sneer of "He dreads his wife," when Paulina's husband declines to rebuke her, adding that, "When she will take the rein," he lets her run, and "she'll not stumble."

The trial scene is most poignant of all to the militant women who have passed through the dock in England since 1905. Hermione's fine defence is too long to quote in full; it is the defence of wronged womanhood throughout the ages, when arraigned before prejudice and jealousy and want of understanding. She knows her word will not be believed:

> . . . It shall scarce boot me
> To say "not guilty"; mine integrity,
> Being counted falsehood, shall, as I express it,
> Be so received.

She holds her life as nothing, compared with honour:

> For life, I prize it
> As I weigh grief, which I would spare: for honour,
> 'Tis a derivative from me to mine,
> And only that I stand for.

The parallel continues throughout the trial scene, even to the Bench's refusal to accept the evidence for the defence. "The sessions shall proceed: this is mere falsehood," says Leontes when the oracle pronounces Hermione innocent. Many a Suffragette, her word scorned, has been hurried from Bow Street to Holloway with this insult ringing in her ears.

Indeed, up to the end of the third act, the play appeared to me to have been almost re-written after the rise of the militant movement. The very care taken by the author not to portray any one Cabinet Minister in particular lends colour to this theory. At one moment Leontes, summoning his followers with the words, "We are to speak in public; for this business will raise us all," seems to be heading straight for Limehouse. At another, Paulina's interruption of the Cabinet Council with her—"You that are thus tender of his follies, will never do him good, not one of you!" suggests a Prime Minister backed up in his prejudices by colleagues who mistake sacrifice of principle and love of office for loyalty to a chief. And if my theory seems to break down with Paulina's sudden recantation in the face of the King's remorse, it must be admitted that Leontes paid an immediate tribute to militancy by declaring his preference for her previous defiance of him.

The rest of the play did not interest me so much, being obviously left as originally written in the nineties. All the modern interpolations seemed to me to cease after Hermione's death. Her return to life and the love story of Perdita and Florizel, very pretty in themselves, therefore lacked coherence and reminded me vaguely of something I had seen before. In parts it was almost Elizabethan. I said so to my friend as we came out into the noise and glitter of the Strand, and caught the words, "Winter's Tale," in her reply.

Of course! That was the play I had been reminded of. But the unknown author of "The Conspiracy Trial of Hermione" owed very little to the Shakespeare play, I reflected as I went home. In the main, his was the best play that had yet been written on the wonderful period of transition, 1900-1910, and I determined to tell every Suffragette I knew to go and see it.

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At the —— Borough Council, or —— Meeting, a resolution to employ women as —— was opposed, or was rescinded, or ordered to stand over, it being contended that male labour should not be displaced by female labour while hundreds of men were walking about the streets unemployed.

How different would be the attitude taken up by many of our authorities if they were only convinced that it was the very want of the vote that caused this displacement of male labour by female labour, and that so long as women are not given the protection of the Suffrage, so long will this displacement of the dear man by the cheap woman continue, and that to attempt to fight against this terrible economic evil by artificial restrictions of trade is as vain as to endeavour to keep back the tide of the sea by pious resolutions and offerings to the water gods.

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In large numbers of industries the cheap woman, unprotected as to her wage value by the power of the vote, has practically, and indeed, against her will, displaced her brother. It is not to be wondered at that her brother, sore, hungry, and indignant at the displacement—the real cause of which he does not understand—should himself, with his friends and comrades, bitterly oppose what he considers the "blackleg" entry of women into his sphere of labour, and strive to use his power of the vote ever to close fresh and fresh avenues of work to those whom he considers his industrial enemies.

It is hopeless, under the condition of things as they exist in this country, to reach any satisfactory solution or find any equilibrium in regard to the wage question, when one has millions of labouring women to draw upon who are unprotected by the vote and ready to take almost any wage that will save them from starvation or the streets. Alas! The wages given frequently do not deliver them from the latter alternative, for to-day we have always with us the poor child or woman forced into vice because she cannot exist below the starvation line.

The pity of the thing from an economic point of view is that until the cause is removed, the evil must increase in an ever widening and vicious circle. One gets cheap women into the labour market; their advent puts men out of work; the men being put out of work, their homes have either to be broken up or their own womenfolk have to go out themselves and work for what wages they can get. The result is that more women, and ever more women, come into the labour market, and more and more men get turned on to the road; and how weary is that tramp, and how heart-breaking those men's experience, can only be really understood by those who have themselves been through it. Small wonder that their fellow-men, seeing their condition, and jumping blindly to conclusions as to the cause of it, attack women by such measures and means as I have referred to at the beginning of this article.

What is the Cure?

What, it may be asked, is the cure for this condition? Well, it would be difficult, if not entirely presumptuous, to suggest a panacea for the whole economic troubles of labour; but the granting of the Parliamentary franchise on equal terms to women with men would go a long way towards removing much of the present hardship and trouble that has fallen upon the workers in a very large number of industries in this country.

If women had the vote, the power of their Unions, working in conjunction with the men's Unions, would equalise payments for the same amount and quality of work, and would prevent the terrible and often almost unconscious undercutting that is going on everywhere to-day around us.

As a nation we have no right to place our employers in the terrible position of having to do an economic wrong in order that they may exist. As a nation we have no right to place the vast body of our female workers in the position of slaves; for any man or woman is a slave who has to sell his or her labour, not at its real market value, but at what is really an artificial market value. As a nation, we have no business to allow things to continue as they are, with the result that deep down in the hearts of large bodies of our fellow-countrymen there is a bitter feeling against those of his mother's and sister's sex as being in a very real, though unaccountable form, his economic enemies. You cannot have even a few members of the whole social body existing under morbid conditions without the whole body suffering. The fact that woman, from the duchess to the mill-hand, does not possess the power of the vote, is an evil; one that does not, perhaps, in the case of the duchess, make itself very apparent or much felt, but which certainly, in the case of the mill-hand, is a very serious and practical disability.

To return, however, to the economic question, it is my firm belief, and one not arrived at without good reason, that the granting of the Parliamentary franchise to women upon the same terms as it is or may be granted to men, would have a very strong stabilising tendency in the matter of wages, would pratically abolish the sweating that goes on in a number of our present industries, and—most important this from the man's point of view—tend to put back into work thousands of men who have now been thrown out of it, by recalling to their homes thousands of women who have only been forced out of them through not having in their hands the conserving power of the Parliamentary vote.

THE HOLMWOOD CAMPAIGN

Convened by the Women's Social and Political Union, a meeting was held at the Public Hall on Wednesday evening in last week, "to protest against the threatened sale of furniture at the 'Mascot,' the residence of the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN."

Miss C. A. L. Marsh, who presided, referred to the strenuous campaign which had been proceeding in the district during several weeks past. Referring to a rumour which she understood had been going round Dorking to the effect that if a sale took place at the "Mascot" the Suffragettes would immediately break the windows of the Dorking tradesmen, Miss Marsh said they could take it from her that they had no intention of committing such damage, and that their object was merely to convert the people in the district to the Votes for Women movement, to make them understand the reasons for their militancy, and, in addition, to arouse their indignation with regard to the seizure of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence's house at Holmwood. The members of the Women's Social and Political Union had been out upon the warpath for the past five or six years, and because they were convinced of the justice of their cause they were going on to work and to fight for it until they won it.

Miss Rachael Barrett, B.Sc., said she thought it was a great shame that in the twentieth century women should have to be out on the warpath for five years in order to get what every reasonable person thought they ought to have. Women were subject to the laws of the country, and it was only common sense that they should be consulted when those laws were made. For such great schemes as social reform, old age pensions, and national insurance, which nearly always involved taxation, women had to pay as well as men, and as they had to pay the piper, should they not have a right in calling the tune? She wondered if it had occurred to those present to ask themselves how women liked being taxed to pay the salaries of members of Parliament, whom women were not considered good enough to vote for. It was not considered a very honourable thing for a man to live on a woman's money, and she did not know how these men felt when they drew their money from the women taxpayers. She was not going to deal with their methods, but before they could understand why they were doing the things they were doing, why they suffered the things they had suffered, they had to realise a little what this question of votes for women meant to them. They were bound to realise that the women who were engaged in this movement were not in any sense of the word exceptional women. Why was it then that these quite ordinary women were prepared to do the things they had done? It was not very pleasing to go to prison; it was not very pleasant to do the hunger strike; and there were a great many other things connected with the movement which women must find rather unpleasant, painful, and difficult.

After speaking of the low wages paid to women, Miss Barrett proceeded:—

If anything justified the women in fighting for the vote it was what was known as the white slave traffic. No Bill would finally put an end to that traffic, but what would put an end to it was when they arrived at the time when the white slave traffic would cease because there were no white slaves to buy. (Hear, hear.) The victims were drawn from the sweated and underpaid women of this country. Women, she concluded, having put their hand to the plough, would not draw back, and having started on this fight, realising, as they did, the issue underlying it, they would see that it was a fight to a finish.

Miss Annie Kenney pointed out that no reform worthy of the name had been won without human sacrifice and sometimes human life. The women had shown that they had the courage of their convictions. They were not going to be taken in any longer; they were playing the political game. She believed they had the trump card in their hand, and that they were going to defeat their political opponents. If they disapproved of some of the methods the women had adopted in order to get the vote, she asked women, what else could they have done after fifty years of quiet agitation? Following a little interruption at the back of the hall, Miss Kenney said: I suppose you are afraid that in asking for the vote we shall ask for a seat in Parliament. Let me tell you in confidence: We know some women in the country who would make much better politicians than many of the men you have there at the present time. No one could say that the country would not be better and happier if the women, side by side with the men, were able to deal with social and other matters jointly, instead of their being dealt with by one-half only of the human nation. Wherever women had been given the vote they had done a great deal to purify and improve the conditions of life for the women and children, and indirectly the men had benefited also.

Miss Barrett, in reply to a question, said they considered that the action of the Government in trying to recover the costs of the late prosecution by attacking the property of Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, was only a means of trying to defeat an agitation which was extremely inconvenient to them. The Government imposed a very long sentence on Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence (nine months), and in addition to that they wanted them to pay the costs of the prosecution. This was a most unheard-of thing, and in this the Government had shown the same vindictiveness as they had shown since the agitation was started. It was nothing but persecution on the part of the Government.

Open-air meetings are being held. Speakers have included Mr. and Mrs. Cather, Miss Kelly, and Miss Isabel Green. A meeting in the Public Hall, Dorking, on Wednesday, October 9, was most successful. Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Woods, 10s. 6d.; Collection (Public Hall), £1 5s. 1d. The organisers are Miss C. A. L. Marsh and Miss H. Gordon Liddle, 43, Howard Road, Dorking.

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MISS WYLIE IN CANADA

Miss Barbara Wylie's visit to Canada has aroused a great deal of interest, and we have received a sheaf of press cuttings which show that the most extraordinary ideas as to her personality prevailed. "Not like a Dangerous Woman" is one headline, while another announces, "Miss Wylie does not carry a poker." The *Montreal Daily Witness* grasps the true significance of her visit when it says: "Miss Wylie is here to join Canadian Suffragists in asking votes for women." It says: "Anyone who had anticipated meeting a muscular, couching, fierce-looking lady armed with hatchets, brick-bats, &c., would certainly have been astonished. . . ." "In appearance," says the *Montreal Star*, "Miss Wylie hardly suggests the militant Suffragette. . . . She is distinctly the intellectual type of champion to the cause. At first sight one would hardly think she was capable of addressing a crowd, or of breaking the law with violence, but it is impossible to talk to her long before realising that she is both sincere in her convictions and has the courage of those convictions. Kindly and refined she certainly is, but there is also an air of determination about her."

As Miss Wylie explained the object of her visit: "We simply come to Canada as women from one part of the Empire to another with the intention of helping Canadian women reach the same place in this country that their sisters have in New Zealand and Australia."

Miss Wylie writes from Montreal:—

"The passage was of such a kind as prevented my holding a meeting on board ship, but of course VOTES FOR WOMEN was not forgotten, and a copy of the paper was pinned in a prominent position on the promenade deck. Pressmen were eagerly awaiting my arrival, and the visit of one of the 'militants' appears to have aroused an enormous amount of interest. Naturally every interview turned on militant methods, which here, as elsewhere, have awakened a live curiosity, and a desire to have that curiosity satisfied. I held a drawing-room meeting to-day (Tuesday, October 1), and this will I think result in the organising of further public meetings.

"Canadian women are beginning to feel the pressure of the rush to the cities, and the attendant evils of overcrowding and sweating, and are firmly determined to get the vote in order to cope with the situation before it is too late. I hear from the pressmen that women are constantly going into the newspaper offices, and asking when and where there is to be a meeting; so before going to Toronto I propose holding at least one public meeting here. All the VOTES I took to the meeting to-day were sold, and three ladies took out an annual subscription. Miss Lynch, of the Victorian Order of Nurses, has invited me to go to the Institute, and speak to them there, and I hope to address the women students at McGill University.

"Next mail I hope to be able to give you further details of forthcoming meetings. So far I have met with nothing but a spirit of comradeship, and a desire to help the cause along from men and women, and I am sure our "forward policy" will have a large number of ardent supporters. I am very grateful to Mrs. Weller for so kindly giving the meeting to-day at such short notice."

AT THE LONDON PAVILION

The usual weekly At Home of the Women's Social and Political Union was well attended last Monday afternoon. Miss Evelyn Sharp, from the chair, after apologizing for the unavoidable absence of Miss Annie Kenney and Miss Brackenbury, drew a parallel between the causes that led to the war in the Near East and those which had produced the militant movement in Great Britain. In answer to the possible objection that the comparison did not hold good because the horrors of war were greater than the horrors of militancy, the speaker went on to show that the object of militancy, freedom for women, was, if anything, a bigger one than that of freedom for certain States, and that the sufferings involved in any struggle for freedom could only be estimated by the standard of civilisation in the country where it took place. Comparing this standard in Great Britain and in Turkey, she could only say that the treatment of the Suffragists at Llanystumdwy was an outrage probably as great as anything that would be laid to the charge of the Turks during the Balkan War. Mr. Gerald Gould, in an extremely witty speech, proceeded to give the Labour party a "bad quarter of an hour." He drew the moral of the Labour meeting in the Albert Hall last Friday, showing that Mr. Anderson's evasion of the question put to him as Chairman—When is the Labour Party going to turn out the Government on Woman Suffrage?—was thoroughly illogical. It reminded him of "Alice Through the Looking Glass"—"she says she is in prison being punished, and the trial doesn't begin till Wednesday, but the trial, of course, comes last of all!" Mr. Gould proceeded to show ruthlessly all the weak points in the Labour Party's support of the Government, and ended with a fine peroration, calling upon his hearers to see to it that, when the fight was over, they could say they had been, "not on the side of the cowards and the bullies and the liars, but on the side, if I may say so, of the angels."

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MR. LANSBURY'S RESOLUTION

The —— Branch of the ——, being determined that the political enfranchisement of the women workers shall be granted without delay, condemns the Government for introducing a Franchise Bill for men only, repudiates the sham pledges by which the Government are trying to trick the advocates of Votes for Women, protests against the Government which is guilty of such a policy being kept in power by the aid of Labour Votes—and finally calls upon the Labour Members of Parliament to vote constantly and relentlessly against the Government from now onwards until they have either driven them from office or compelled them to introduce and carry a proposal giving votes to women on equal terms with men.

The above resolution, it will be remembered, drawn up by Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., was sent by him to branches of Labour and Socialist societies. The first to pass it was the A.S.R.S. Bow and Bromley Branch. This week we are able to record that the resolution has been passed by Barnet I.L.P. (unanimously), Byker and Heaton I.L.P. (unanimously), Cambridge I.L.P. (unanimously), copies sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. J. R. Macdonald, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. John Redmond and Mr. Almeric Hugh Paget, M.P.), Dudley I.L.P., Erdington (Birmingham), I.L.P., Eastwood, Langley Mill, Heanor and Codnor (Notts) I.L.P., and Gravesend and Northfleet I.L.P., Berwick I.L.P., Shaw and Crompton I.L.P., and Sunderland I.L.P.

The resolution has also been passed by the Eastbourne branch of the B.S.P. with only two dissentients. Copies have been sent to Mr. Asquith, Mr. MacDonald, and Mr. Redmond.

IRISHWOMEN'S COMMITTEE FOR SECURING VOTES UNDER THE HOME RULE BILL

During the past week sub-committees have been busy. Members of Parliament have been approached with regard to gaining support for Mr. Snowden's Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Home Rule Bill, and several replies have been most satisfactory. As this amendment is likely to come on about the thirteenth day of the Committee stage (probably October 30) very little time is left. Irishwomen, like their English sisters, have the greatest difficulty in bringing home to their Members of Parliament the extent of the women's demand; Irish Members of Parliament, in company with their English colleagues, seem to be entirely out of touch with the great agitation raging round them. It is, therefore the duty of all Irish Suffragists to strain every effort to bring home to them the real feeling of Irishwomen on this matter. Volunteers are wanted every evening from now up to October 30 for the purpose of lobbying members of the House of Commons. Names should be sent in to the Hon. Sec., who will also be glad to know that Irishwomen throughout the country are writing to their Members of Parliament and getting others to write to them, asking them to support this amendment. Funds for this campaign are needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Kelly, 5s.; M.S., 5s. The latter subscriber writes saying she is sending in her resignation to the Women's Liberal Association because they are not active enough on the matter of Woman Suffrage.—(Hon. Secs.—Miss Aileen Connor Smith, Miss L. Geraldine Lennox, 43, Kempsford Gardens, Earl's Court, S.W.)

MR. HARRY MOSEN

Our readers will learn with great regret of the death of Mr. Harry Mosen from consumption. Mr. and Mrs. Mosen, both keen Suffragists, were connected with the movement in London almost from the beginning of militant tactics; they left this country for Australia on account of Mr. Mosen's health, and Mrs. Mosen was fortunate in obtaining a good appointment in the Post Office, which enabled her to provide for her husband the careful nursing which the nature of his illness required. Our sympathy and that of all our readers goes out to Mrs. Mosen, through the medium of VOTES FOR WOMEN, which, we are glad to know, reaches her regularly from London.

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THE CASE OF MR. MARK WILKS

In the House of Commons

On Wednesday, October 9, in reply to Mr. George Lansbury, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said: Mr. Wilks was imprisoned under a writ of the High Court, executed by direction of the Board of Inland Revenue in consequence of his failure to pay Income Tax and costs due from him under a judgment of the Court. The tax was payable for the years 1909-10 and 1910-11 in respect of the income of his wife, which, under the Income Tax Acts, is deemed to be his income and the tax thereon is recoverable from him. Previously to 1909-10 tax was recovered by distraint, but it was subsequently claimed that the goods on which distraint was made belonged to Mrs. Wilks. Mr. Wilks was released by order of the Board of Inland Revenue. The tax has not yet been paid. No further action is being taken in respect of the sums comprised in the judgment. I am not aware of any previous instance in which it has been necessary to have recourse to the ultimate remedy of imprisonment in such a case. I will consider the question of amending the law so as to obviate the necessity for such action, but in the meantime I am certainly not prepared to instruct the Revenue authorities to refrain from administering the law as it stands.

In the House of Lords

On Monday, October 14, Earl Russell called attention to the imprisonment of Mr. Mark Wilks at the instance of the Treasury for non-payment of his wife's income-tax, and moved to resolve, "That in the opinion of this House the present state of the law which renders a man liable to indefinite terms of imprisonment for matters over which he is by statute deprived of any control is undesirable, and should be amended." After stating the facts of the case, he said he did not challenge the strict legality of the imprisonment of Mr. Wilks, but he did challenge its natural justice and common sense. There was, no doubt, ample legal justification for imprisonment and he thought it was not altogether a regrettable thing, because it had called attention to the provision of the law which made a husband liable for his wife's income-tax, although he had no control over his wife's income. He supposed the reason Mr. Wilks was released was that the Government felt it was ridiculous to keep him in prison; if not, he did not know why he was not in prison now.

Lord Ashby St. Ledgers, in reply, admitted that there was illogicality in the situation. Mr. Wilks, who seemed to have appealed to public sentiment on the ground that he was unable to pay, was not at all in that position. There was every reason to believe that there was something in the incident in the nature of a political demonstration. With regard to the Revenue Department, the successful establishment of Mr. Wilks' contention would involve a very serious loss to the Exchequer. The noble earl asked for the justification for the release of Mr. Wilks. This imprisonment was intended to be a deterrent, and it was thought that this result had been to a great extent achieved, and that other husbands were not likely to put themselves to the same sort of inconvenience.

The Marquess of Lansdowne said there were some points in which the operation of the law was extremely inconsistent. There was the contradiction between the manner in which the property of a married couple was aggregated for income-tax purposes and separated for the purposes of death duties. It was rather difficult to see why a married woman should pay death duties on an income which she shared with her husband and on which income-tax was levied on the assumption that it was a joint income.

The Lord Chancellor said it was true that the income-tax and death duty laws were full of anomalies. In the case of income-tax the law descended from a period when the position of married women was very different from what it was now. The case of Mr. Wilks was one where there was an anomalous state of the law which could not be defended, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer had undertaken to consider it. The points raised by the noble marquess would receive their attention, but they would have to be very careful lest in making changes they stumbled into the temptation to take advantage of provisions which belonged to a past state of the law while at the same time taking advantage of changes which had been made in quite another direction.

The motion was withdrawn.

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WOMEN'S MARCH

From Edinburgh to London

The march of women organised by Mrs. de Fonblanque began on Saturday last, after a large meeting in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh. Thousands of spectators lined Princes Street, and looked on from hotel windows, giving the women a hearty welcome and cheering them on their way. Three meetings were held at Musselburgh, and at ten o'clock on Monday morning the members started again for the South. At Tranent a meeting of miners was held.

A visitor from South Africa thus describes the start:—

The enthusiasm was great. I watched the crowd intently. There were about half a dozen roughs who tried to be funny, but the speakers never noticed them, and all the decent men in that vast crowd seemed to be entirely with them. The procession had a great send-off as far as audience was concerned. There was a solid wall of people from Charlotte Square all along the route for miles. Windows, balconies, trams, were all packed with spectators, and if they did not sympathise, at any rate, they know, and will remember for some time to come, that when millions of women are needing a thing there is bound to be a stir, and something must happen."

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HAMPSTEAD FAIR AND FETE

The Hampstead W.S.P.U. is to be congratulated on the success of the Fête and Fair held in the Town Hall on October 11 and 12. A great many friends managed to find their way to the Hall in spite of the fog, and were well rewarded by the attractive programme provided. The secretaries state that a profit of over £100 will be made after paying all expenses.

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LEGAL DEFENCE FUND

Hon. Treasurer: Miss Goodliffe, 62, High Street, Hampstead, N.W.

The Hon. Treasurer asks us to insert the following:—

It is good to know the splendid spirit of loyalty and comradeship which the Government is doing so much to rouse in women by their treatment of the prisoners. Among many letters this week is one enclosing a cheque from a woman in India, who is reading with deep indignation of the treatment of the women in England, and while sending words of sympathy and admiration to the women who are engaged in this great struggle for liberty, she registers her determination "to help to fight this brutal Government." All are thinking of Miss Craggs in her coming trial, and wishing her good luck.

Already acknowledged, £196 5s. 2d.; Mrs. Lang, 2s. 6d.; Oxford W.S.P.U. (per Mrs. Rowbottom), £2 16s.; Mrs. Massy, 10s.; Miss L. E. Wylie, 10s.; "A Rebel in India," £1; Mrs. Rowe, £1; Mrs. Vans Agnew Corbett, £5; total, £207 3s. 8d.

Meetings of the week include a very successful open-air meeting arranged by the Bolton W.S.P.U. last Monday, when the responsibility of the Labour Party towards women was thoroughly explained, and there was much intelligent questioning. The many staunch suffragists in the local I.L.P. are using every possible opportunity to show their members of Parliament that they expect from them prompt and decisive action. The Organiser is Miss Mary Phillips, 101, Montague Street, Blackburn.

Miss Elizabeth Grew is in charge of Barrow-in-Furness and Whitehaven. She asks local members and friends to get into touch with her without delay. Socialist and Labour women are especially asked to let Miss Grew have their addresses, so that she may call upon them. Her address is 5, Clarence Road, Barrow.

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INTERVIEW WITH LABOUR M.P.

In an interview with the organising secretary of the Halifax W.S.P.U., on Saturday, October 5, Mr. Parker, M.P., (Lab.) stated that he would refrain from voting for the Third Reading of the Reform Bill if it did not enfranchise women. He would not promise to vote against, and he was not willing to pursue an anti-Government policy.

On Tuesday, October 8, the Halifax Trades' Council received a deputation from the W.S.P.U. After some discussion they decided to communicate with Mr. Parker, urging him to vote against the Third Reading of the Reform Bill if it did not enfranchise women.

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THE AYLESBURY PURSE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—I have received the following contributions for this purse, to be presented at the Albert Hall Meeting:—Already acknowledged: £4 11s.; Miss E. Wylie, 10s.; Miss B. Wylie, 10s.; Miss A. Connor-Smith, £3; Miss C. A. L. Marsh, £1; Miss E. Gibb, £5; Miss E. Stacy, 7s. 6d.; Miss Bland, 1s.; Miss Hicks, £2; Dr. Ede, £2; Mrs. De Roxe, 2s.; Miss E. Fussell, £10; A Friend, 5s.; Miss A. Hutchinson, 15s.; Miss F. White and Friends, £1 11s.; Mrs. Branson, £1; total, £32 12s. 6d.—Yours, &c.,

C. A. L. MARSH.

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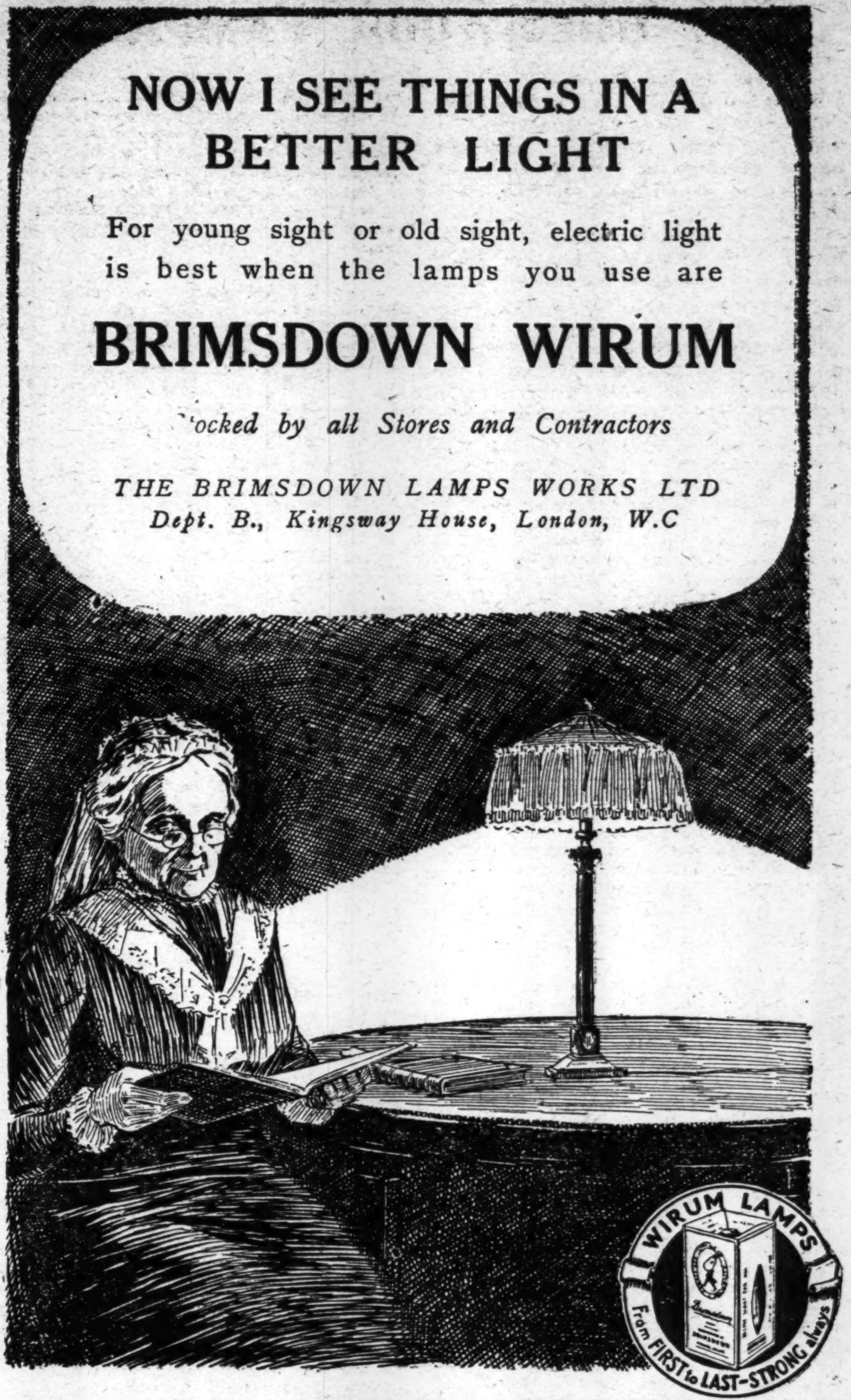
Next week's "Votes for Women" will contain full reports of the speeches at the Albert Hall on Thursday, October 17.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BALHAM AND TOOTING.

Miss Gargett addressed last Friday's meeting Caistor Road, Balham. Members please attend to-night to sell papers (see programme).—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham, S.W.)

BARNET.

A public meeting will be held Edmonton Co-operative Rooms, High Barnet, Wednesday, October 30, 8 p.m.; Miss Richard will speak, and Joseph Clayton, Esq., will preside. Will members and friends please do their utmost to make this meeting a great success. Tickets (admission free) and handbills from Secretary. Best thanks to Mrs. Spanton (£1) and to those who have responded to Treasurer's notices.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Maud Mace, Selborne, Hadley.)

BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.

Members and friends urged to attend "Fireside Talks" (see programme), and to decide what they can do to help Housewarming Sale. The Organiser would be glad to have any ideas or schemes for helping.—(Org.—Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, Stonard Road, Palmer's Green, N.)

CHELSEA.

Gratefully acknowledged: Library Committee, Chelsea W.S.P.U., £5; and a donation from Miss F. White towards East End expenses. All members who can spare any time at all please call at office.—(Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig, Miss Blacklock. Office—308, King's Road, S.W.)

CLAPHAM.

Last Friday's *South-Western Star* contained good report of reception. Paper-sellers badly wanted. Several articles, including a pretty doll, are still on sale, and can be seen at office. Meetings very successful, papers continually being sold out. Gratefully acknowledged towards Victoria Park Band Fund, Misses Russell, 5s.—(Hon Sec.—Mrs. Strong. Office—84, Elspeth Road, S.W.)

CROYDON.

Dance has been fixed for Friday, November 22, 7.30-11.30. Tickets, 2s. 6d. A splendid selection of autumn and winter blouses and robes on sale at shop for a few days only, beginning to-day (Friday). Exceptionally low prices. A series of Members' Rallies (friends welcomed) will be held at 50, High Street, 8 p.m., every Monday (except dates for which local meetings are arranged), beginning next Monday; hostess, Mrs. Cameron-Swan; games and short account of Pavilion meeting. Mr. George Green is thanked for cost of telegram. Miss Stacey has kindly presented handsome photograph of Mrs. Pankhurst to shop. Gratefully acknowledged:—For Albert Hall Purse, Mr. and Mrs. Green, 5s.; Miss C. Browne, 5s.; Mr. Inglis, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Armes, 1s.; Miss Edsall, 1s.; Mrs. Bunford, 1s.; Miss K. Gliddon, 1s.; Miss G. Gliddon, 5s.; L. W., 2s.; for Shop Fund, Mrs. White, 6d.; Mrs. Heasman, 5s.; Miss H. Inglis, 9s.; Miss Walter and Miss Cocksedge, 10s.; Miss J. Smith, 10s.; Miss I. Green, £5; Mrs. W., 10s.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan. Shop—50, High Street.)

EALING.

Enthusiastic meeting held on Common last Sunday. Mr. Tom Norris presided, and Mrs. Tidswell spoke. Papers sold out. Mrs. Drummond has promised to speak at drawing-room meeting at Ealing Academy of Music, kindly lent, October 30, 8 p.m. Members asked to work hard to make it a great success. Jumble Sale will take place second week in November. All parcels to be sent either to Hon. Treasurer, 23, Churchfield Road, W. Ealing, or to Hon. Sec. More paper-sellers wanted.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road, W.)

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Irish sympathisers in Fulham or Putney are asked to communicate with Hon. Secretaries. Many thanks to Mrs. and Miss Shellshear and Miss Hale for apple jelly for sale in shop, and to Miss McCombie for weekly contribution towards shop-rent. Help in advertising Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting urgently needed. Tickets for N.C.S.W.S. meeting, Cromwell Hall, Putney, November 4, can be had at shop. Please remember Jumble Sale, November 9.—(Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Roberts, Miss L. Cutten. Shop—905, Fulham Road, S.W.)

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Members and sympathisers able to assist at meetings to be held in Deptford for purpose of enlisting a contingent of working men and women to join East End Demonstration next month, requested to communicate with secretary. Jumble parcels needed in time for sale early in November.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billinghurst, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.)

HACKNEY.

Members thank Mr. Wilks for his brave stand, and congratulate him heartily upon his release.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss E. Glidewell, 130, Rushmore Road.)

HAMMERSMITH.

Many thanks to all who helped to make Jumble Sale a success, and to Miss Webling for generous gift of a stove for warming shop. Members reminded of Speakers' Class (see programme). A lending library will be formed shortly. Gifts of books, especially those dealing with social, economic, and suffrage questions welcomed.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Carson, 95, The Grove, W.)

HAMPSTEAD.

Fair and fête a tremendous success. When accounts are settled it is estimated that about £100 will have been cleared. Heartiest thanks to those who by gifts, money, and untiring energy contributed to this magnificent result. Members asked to patronise those shops which advertised in programme or helped by gifts of provisions, &c. There is an alarming shortage of paper-sellers. Volunteers wanted especially for Thursday, Friday evenings, 5.30-7 p.m. A public meeting at Hampstead Town Hall will take place last week in November. Mrs. Ayrton Gould addressed usual meeting Hampstead Heath last Sunday morning.—(Hon. Secs. pro tem.—Mrs. Weaver, Miss D. Solomon. Shop—178, Finchley Road.)

HORNSEY.

Heartiest thanks jumbles received from Mrs. Stringer, Jewell, Lettins, Jollingham, Misses Finlay, Harris, Jeffries, Dearn, Richmond, Hooker, Frank, Simmons, Hoffmeister, Norris, Adams, Cattle, and Mr. Perte, and others who have made kind promises; and to Mrs. Law for gift of £1. Send further gifts Miss Jackson, 45, Langdon Park Road, Highgate, N., or to Hon. Sec. Please reserve October 31 for Mr. Laurence Housman on "Sex Chivalry," Park Road Council School, Crouch End. Please help at Hackney and Clapton Pond meetings (see programme).—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Bonwick, B.A., 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.)

ILFORD.

Work in full swing for advertising Demonstration Victoria Park, November 10. As local members will probably drive, they should let Secretary know as soon as possible number of seats required. The large room in Broadway Chambers has been secured for monthly meetings commencing Friday, November 15. Further details later. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Colvin, 1s.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss E. Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.)

ISLINGTON.

Please see Kensington report for information about East End campaign. Members are asked to help at Bethnal Green.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley. Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C.)

KENSINGTON.

Most successful members' At Home held 114A, Harley Street. Dr. L. Garrett Anderson, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, and Miss Evelyn Sharp were the speakers. Sellers much needed for Earl's Court pitch evenings. Miss Gibbs is giving 5½ hours every Thursday on different pitches—who will give one hour? Helpers wanted for Bethnal Green shop, open from 11 till late in the evening, Miss Dalglish in charge. Jumble Sale fixed November 16. Thanks to following for contributions: Dr. F. Murray, Miss Waster, the Misses Fox, Miss Swan, Mrs. Gordon Sloane, the Misses Sloane, Dr. L. Garrett Anderson, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Goldie, Mrs. Collard Bushell, Mrs. Diplock, and Mrs. Cecil Botting. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Waster, £5; Miss Kemball, 2s. 6d.; Miss Julia Green, £1. General Fund: Mrs. Lomax, 10s.; Hon. Mrs. Forbes, £3 3s.; Miss Julia Green, £1; Miss Vane, 2s. 6d. Sympathiser, 2s. 6d. East End Campaign Fund. New members welcomed: Miss Gibson, Miss Champion, Miss Schreiner, and Mrs. H. C. Cornnerlls.—(Hon. Sec. pro tem.—Miss Postlethwaite. Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington. Tel. 2116 Western.)

KINGSTON AND DISTRICT.

Dutch Market was magnificent success. The money taken exceeded all expectations. From opening of market until closing time hundreds passed through the rooms, and amount of local interest roused was most satisfactory in every way. Long reports appeared in all the local Press, and a great quantity of literature was sold. The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield is cordially thanked for taking H.H. the Ranee of Sarawak's place at last moment at great personal inconvenience. All who helped so splendidly at various stalls and in decorating large hall are thanked, also the army of performers who gave their services voluntarily to the musical and dramatic side. Jumble Sale will be held in the course of a few weeks. Will members and friends send parcels off at once to offices without further notice? Any member who can spare time to go to East End campaign please communicate with the hon. secretary at once; also those who can go to Victoria Park, November 10. Banner bearers required. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Gilbert Head, £1; Mrs. Shipway, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Rentoul, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Lynn, 10s.; Sympathiser, 10s.; Mrs. Bessell, 1s.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Dacre Fox. Office—13, Union Street, Kingston-on-Thames.)

LEWISHAM.

Annual general meeting held October 3, Mrs. McKenzie presided; Mrs. Lamartine Yates spoke. It is intended to start indoor meetings at office in addition to out-door campaign. Gratefully acknowledged donations: Mrs. McKenzie, £1; Mrs. Heaps, 2s. 6d.; Miss Wilham, 1s.; Miss Bull, 2s.; Mrs. Bouvier, 1s. 6d.; a Friend, per Miss Townsend, 5s. 6d. Miss Shipham, 1s. Office rent: Miss Bishop, 2s.; Miss New, 2s.; Miss Rendell, 1s.; Mrs. Bouvier, 6d. Miss Heath is welcomed as a new member. Many thanks to Miss Rendell for comfortable armchair, to Miss Ellis for curtains for jumbles. Jumbles gratefully received from Mrs. Brown, Misses Townsend, Misses Lambert, Mrs. Heaps, and Miss Campbell. Miss P. Ayrton spoke at Terminus.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Campbell, Miss C. Townsend. Offices—1, Lewis Grove.)

NORTH ISLINGTON.

Splendid meeting held by Miss Jacobs, Thane Villas, Friday, Mr. Mackinlay presided. It is urged that members bring friends and strangers to first drawing-room meeting, October 24 (see programme). Thanks to Mrs. Haskell and Miss O'Brien for potted fish for sale, and to Mrs. Jolly for the many pounds of home-made jam and lemon-cheese and pickles, which have a splendid sale. Gratefully acknowledged Albert Hall purse: Misses Mann, 10s.; Miss Lowe,

W.S.P.U. LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

October.			
Friday, 18	Camden Town, Cobden Statue	Miss Coombs, Miss Gwynne	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Croydon, 50, High Street	Blouse and Robe Sale begins	—
„ „	„ Katherine Street	Miss Gibbs, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
„ „	Hackney, Well Street and Berger Road	Miss Bonwick, B.A. Chair: Miss Beley	8 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Barking, Ripple Road	Miss Wingrove	8 p.m.
„ „	Kingston, 13, Union Street	Hostess: Miss N. Gornall	2.30-6 p.m.
„ „	Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.	Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
„ „	Tooting Broadway	Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Mrs. Heard	8 p.m.
„ „	Woolwich, Eleanor Road	Miss Jacobs. Chair: Miss Gregory	
Saturday 19	Clapton Pond	Miss Barry. Chair: Miss Jenkins	8 p.m.
„ „	Golder's Green	Miss Wright	6.30 p.m.
„ „	Hammersmith, 95, The Grove	Speakers' Class. Madame Moore	8 p.m.
„ „	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Feek, Miss Wadeson	8 p.m.
„ „	Holloway Prison	Miss B. Guthrie	8 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
„ „	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Coombs, Mrs. Freeman	8 p.m.
„ „	Kingston, Coronation Stone	Miss Bonwick, B.A. Chair: Mrs. Dacre Fox	12 noon
„ „	Lewisham 1, Lewis Grove	Members' Rally	3-8 p.m.
„ „	Palmer's Green, Alderman's Hill	Mr. Victor Prout	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Purley Tram Terminus	Country Walk	3 p.m.
„ „	Richmond, Heron Court	Miss Gwen Richard	8 p.m.
„ „	Stratford, Maryland Point Station	Miss Agnes Kelly	8 p.m.
„ „	Wembly	Miss Emily Davison	8 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent Broadway	Exhibition and Sale of Children's Clothes	4 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon Broadway	Miss Kelly. Chair: Mrs. Huggett	7.30 p.m.
Sunday, 20	Catford, Tram Terminus	Miss Randall	7 p.m.
„ „	Clapham Common	Mrs. Bouvier. Chair: Mrs. Barron	3 p.m.
„ „	Ealing Common	Miss Jacobs, Mr. J. Y. Kennedy	3 p.m.
„ „	Finsbury Park, N.	Men's Federation for W.S.	3.30 p.m.
„ „	Hampstead Heath, Flagstaff	Miss Naylor	11.30 a.m.
„ „	Hyde Park, near Marble Arch	M.P.U. Mr. S. Casson, Miss Hicks, M.A.	3 p.m.
„ „	Regent's Park	Miss Emily Davison, Miss Rickard	3.15 p.m.
„ „	Streatham Common	Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Mrs. Hughes	3 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon Common	Miss M. Wright, Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3 p.m.
Monday, 21	Croydon, 50, High Street	Members' Rally. Hostess: Mrs. Cameron Swan	8 p.m.
„ „	Kensal Rise, Harvist Road Schools	Miss E. Davison, Miss Jacobs	6.45 p.m.
„ „	**London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.**	**Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Annie Kenney**	3 p.m.
„ „	Wandsworth, near Council House	M.P.U. Mr. E. Shaw, Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 22	Golder's Green, 26B, The Parade	Members' Tea	4.30 p.m.
„ „	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Work Party	2-6 p.m.
„ „	Palmer's Green, 6, Stonard Road	Fireside Talks	8 p.m.
„ „	Stratford, 32b, Romford Road	Work Party	7 p.m.
„ „	Streatham, 5, Shrubbery Road	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 23	Ealing, 35, Warwick Road	Committee Meeting	8 p.m.
„ „	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss E. Davison, Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Milton Avenue, East Ham	Miss Wingrove	8 p.m.
„ „	Thornton Heath Clock	Miss Leslie Hall, Miss Julian	8 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon Hill	Mrs. Dacre Fox. Chair: Mrs. Dickinson	7 p.m.
Thursday, 24	Croydon, 50, High Street	Miss Hicks, M.A.	3.15 p.m.
„ „	Kensington	Drawing Room Meeting	8.30 p.m.
„ „	Kilburn, 310, High Road	At Home. Mrs. Saul Solomon, Miss Canning, Miss Minnie Engel & others	3.30 p.m.
„ „	Pinner, The Cocoa Tree	Miss Winifred Mayo. Chair: Mr. H. B. Goulden	3 p.m.
„ „	52, Praed Street, W.	Miss Bonwick, B.A. Mrs. Cooke	8.15 p.m.
„ „	**Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, W.**	**Mrs. Drummond, Miss Gwen Richard**	8 p.m.
„ „	Tollington Park, 12, Turle Road, N.	Social. Miss P. Ayrton. Chair: Miss Beley. Hostesses: Mrs. Haskell, Miss O'Brien	7.30 p.m.
„ „	Wimbledon, Queen's Hall, Broadway	Mr. Joseph Clayton, Mrs. Cameron Swan. Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	8 p.m.
Friday, 25	Balham, Caistor Road, High Road	Miss Jacobs	
„ „	Croydon, Katherine Street	Mrs. Dacre Fox, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.
„ „	Hackney, Graham Road and Mare Street	Miss M. Wright. Chair: Miss Gargett	8 p.m.
„ „	Ilford, Outside Town Hall	Miss Harvey	8 p.m.
„ „	Kingston, 13, Union Street	Hostess: Miss N. Gornall	2.30-6 p.m.
„ „	Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C.	Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
„ „	Seven Sisters' Road, Thane Villas, N.	Miss D. Startup, Mrs Barfield	8 p.m.

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PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Mrs. Drummond addressed members Thursday, October 10. Funds are exceedingly low. Contributions will be welcome. Owing to Poplar campaign new workers are needed for paper selling.—(Hon. Org. Sec.—The Hon. E. Haverfield, 52, Praed Street, W.)

PINNER AND HATCH END.

Thanks to all who have so generously subscribed to Pinner purse for presentation at Albert Hall. Work parties will be held at Rockstone House every fortnight till further notice. Those wishing to join should send up their names and 2s. entrance fee for materials, or find their own.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Terrero, Rockstone House.)

RADLETT.

Members please secure full hall October 24 (see programme). Anyone willing to help with handbill distribution please apply Miss Lea, Elvestowe.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. White, Gravels.)

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Miss Elsa Myers spoke on Saturday last. VOTES FOR WOMEN sold particularly well. Mrs. Drummond and Mr. Victor D. Duval have kindly promised to speak at prisoners' reception, November 6. Further particulars later.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. T. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road.)

STREATHAM.

Many thanks to all who sent Jumbles; sale most successful financially. Miss Dines has kindly promised to be librarian. It is proposed to hold Christmas Sale early in December. Members are reminded of this when making puddings, mincemeat, and sweets. Mrs. Pilcher earnestly asks for offers of drawing-room meetings or whist-drives. Gratefully acknowledged:—Shop Fund, Miss Easterbrook, 2s. 6d.; the Misses Eldridge, 10s.; the Misses Blackman, 12s. 6d.; Mrs. Bently McLeod, £1.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Tyson. Shop—5, Shrubbery Road.)

WEST HAM.

Rummage Sale, Workmen's Hall, Monday, November 4. Please send parcels to Mrs. Randall, 12, Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate. Help needed with banner for November 10. Will all who can march in procession send names to Miss Hooper, or leave them at shop? New members welcomed, Miss Fairweather, Miss Judge. Hearty thanks to Mrs. Harbott for jelly and chutney; Miss Hooper and Miss Layton, needlework; Miss Meredith, table and chairs; Mrs. Friedlaender and Miss Pender, sweets; and to all members who continue so generously to pay shop rent.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper. Shop—32B, Romford Road, E.)

WIMBLEDON.

Members urged to attend Thursday's meeting (see programme), and bring friends and make meetings generally known in neighbourhood. Admission free. Cards may be had for distribution. Stewards and paper-sellers wanted; send names to Miss Lee. Members asked to attend and make known Lecture Hall meeting, Saturday, October 26, 8 p.m., when Miss Abadam will speak. Full particulars at shop. Cake and jam sale great success. Full amount realised from this and from special box for Albert Hall gift will be announced next week. A farthing collection box has now been placed on counter by request. The new philatelic department promises well. Mrs. Bishop attends shop each Monday, 3.30-6.30. Stamps will be on sale throughout week. Mrs. Hutt and Miss Elsa Myers addressed Sunday's meeting. Paper sales very brisk. Thanks to Mr. H. Newton for regular distribution of literature, and to Miss E. Friedeberg for gift of eight new books for library. Books lent to members and associates only, 2d. a week per volume. Sellers still needed at regular and new pitches.—(Hon. Org. Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates. Shop—9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon.)

WIMBLEDON PARK AND S. WIMBLEDON.

Enthusiastic and sympathetic crowd listened to Miss Kelly on Saturday. Miss Laughton presided. Mrs. Dacre Fox spoke at Raynes Park, October 9. Mrs. Huggett presided. Attention is drawn Victoria Park demonstration, November 10.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Scarborough, 3, Marguerite Villas, Copse Hill, Wimbledon.)

WOOLWICH.

Miss New spoke to splendid crowd last Friday. Most enjoyable At Home held October 2. Mrs. Aldham spoke. Thanks to Miss Lacey for lending room. Farthing Fund growing fast. Will members please help at to-night's meeting? (See programme.)—(Hon. Secs.—Miss Clifford, Miss Gregory, 4, Heathwood Gardens, Charlton.)

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Home Counties.

BEDFORD.

It is hoped that members will attend first autumn meeting (see programme), and bring as many friends as possible. Volunteers needed for paper selling.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Smelt, 22, Goldington Avenue.)

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Miss Joachim's excellent speech at "At Home" much enjoyed. Will members make these weekly "At Homes" better known? Paper sales increasing weekly. Will members wishing to attend a speakers' class send in names, as it is hoped one can be arranged if sufficient numbers join? Gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Kent, £1; Miss M. Barnett, 10s.—(Org.—Miss M. S. Allen. W.S.P.U. Shop—Marina.)

BOURNEMOUTH.

Thanks to Mrs. P. Shaw and Mrs. Richards for articles for Christmas bazaar. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Ewing, 2s. 6d.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss B. Berry. Office—221, Old Christchurch Road.)

BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND DISTRICT.

Members reminded that to-night's members' meeting is most important. Those stewarding at Dome are specially asked to be present. Ticket sellers should bear in mind that unsold tickets must be returned before October 21, otherwise they are liable to be charged to vendor. A special late train will run on the night of Mrs. Pankhurt's meeting to Henfield, and can be taken on to Horsham if sufficient members so desire it.—(Org.—Miss G. Allen. Office—8, North Street Quadrant.)

EASTBOURNE.

The new shop will be opened on Thursday, October 31, by Miss Evelyn Sharp. Helpers for taking charge daily after opening will be welcomed. Miss Eva Moore and Miss Tyson addressed meeting Marlborough Tea Rooms last Thursday. Very many thanks to Miss Moore, whose visit to Sussex was appreciated by all. Will all who wish to take definite part in local work please send in names? Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Eva Moore, 5s.; Miss Parkin, 10s.—(Org.—Miss M. S. Allen. Shop—58A, Grove, Road.)

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS.

Owing to weekly At Homes (until now held in shop) being too crowded, these will for the future be held in Lower Public Hall at usual time. Many thanks to those who by subscriptions have made this move possible. Will all help now to let everyone know of the change. Miss Eva Moore's visit much enjoyed. Will members wishing to attend a speakers' class send in names, as if a number come forward it is hoped that one can be arranged this winter. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Sieveking, £1; Mrs. Pope, £1; Mrs. Witherby, £1 1s.; Miss Tristram, £2 17s.; Miss Joachim, 10s.; Miss Jones, 5s.; Mrs. Lord, 10s.—(Org.—Miss M. S. Allen. Shop—8, Claremont.)

NEWBURY.

Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. H. M. Batson, 10s.; Miss E. Powell, 5s. Further subscriptions towards expenses of autumn meetings welcome. Jumble Sale, September 25, great success, nearly £8 being banked as result. Warm thanks to all kind workers. For meetings, see programme. Books for loan library and newspaper cuttings of general interest will be welcomed.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss M. F. Daukes, Diglis.)

OXFORDSHIRE.

Members please note address of new office, which has now been taken. It will be open from 10.30 to 5.30 daily. Sympathisers and enquirers invited to inspect literature and have a talk with member in charge. Tea will be provided from 4 to 5 every afternoon; everyone invited.—(Hon. Org.—Miss Dorothy Pethick, 49B, Cornmarket Street, Oxford.)

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Portsmouth Committee Meetings to be held fortnightly, 4, Pelham Road. First was held October 15. Promises of jumbles wanted. Mrs. Markham has taken over the Press secretaryship from Mrs. Seymour.—(Hon. Secs.—Southampton: Miss Cumberland, College Place; Portsmouth: Miss L. H. Peacock, 4, Pelham Road.)

READING.

Jumble Sale, Thursday, November 7. Contributions can be sent to shop at once (during office hours). Members please keep date free for helping. Sale of Work, November 28 and 29. Articles can be sent to shop. Special help is needed just now for working up At Homes. Paper sellers needed for Maidenhead.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss O. L. Cobb. Shop—49, Market Place.)

REDHILL.

Miss Withall's delightful speech at Carlton Room, October 9, much appreciated. A large and attentive audience attended open-air meeting, Ladbroke Road, Saturday night.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, Red Cottage, Cavendish Road.)

ROCHESTER.

Only one week before Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, Corn Exchange, Thursday, October 24, 8 p.m. Chair, Miss Joachim. Thanks to those who are helping with canvassing and at open-air meetings. Many more volunteers needed for wholesale distribution of handbills in four towns during this last week. Will members please come prepared to steward on Thursday, and be at hall at 7 o'clock. Donations needed for campaign fund. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Redfern, 6s.; Anon, 1s.—(Org.—Miss Evelyn Billing, 157, Maidstone Road.)

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Many thanks to all who helped to make Jumble Sale such a success; £15 was realised. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst will speak Great Hall, November 18. Gratefully acknowledged: Albert Hall Purse, Mrs. Davis, 10s.; Mrs. Ireland, 10s.; Miss Peacock, 5s.; Mrs. Allplay, 5s.; Mrs. Edridge, 5s.; Mrs. Kimber, 1s.; Miss Underhill, 1s.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss O. Walton. Office—11, Pantiles.)

WOKING.

"Sweated Labour," "White Slave Traffic," "Tax Resistance," and "The Social Aspect of the Vote," subjects for four forthcoming drawing-room meetings to be held before Christmas. Full particulars later. Paper sellers wanted.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Barrett, "Maybury Croft," Heathside.)

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The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Members please return unsold tickets for Dramatic Reading October 23 at once. Goods still wanted for Jumble Sale Digbeth Institute, Monday, October 28. Parcels will be called for if desired. Apply at office, Social Queen's College, October 30. Contributions of cakes, sandwiches, &c., will be welcome. Miss Gladys Keevil will preside, Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., will address Town Hall meeting, November 22. Tickets on sale or return at office. Secure some to sell to friends.—(Org.—Miss D. Evans. Office—97, John Bright Street.)

LEICESTER.

Will members call at office for leaflets advertising Mrs. Webbe's meeting Trades Hall, October 31, 8 p.m.? Tickets for afternoon meeting Victoria Galleries, November 1, 3 p.m., 1s. each, can be had from Miss Swain. Please make fortnightly meetings in Temperance Hall more widely known, leaflets to be had at shop. A large and interested crowd (estimated at 5,000) attended Sunday's meeting in Market Place. A collection was taken and papers sold out.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss C. R. Swain. Office—14, Bowling Green Street.)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

New office now open regularly from 10.30 to 6. Afternoon teas have been very popular. Miss Miller is present every Wednesday 2-8, and will be pleased to see members from other towns on that day. Subscriptions to weekly fund coming in well. Will members in future please bring them to office instead of waiting to be called on? Warmest thanks to Mrs. Chamberlain for her much-appreciated and practical help in office. Also to Mr. T. L. Collier for having posters shown. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Treherne, 2s.—(Org.—Miss Miller. Office—18, Alington Street, Northampton.)

NOTTINGHAM.

Members please call at office for hand-bills for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, October 29. Volunteers wanted for bill distribution. Will friends make a point of attending as many sewing meetings as possible? If business should prevent coming for all the time, please remember tea will be served at 4.30 on each occasion; charge 3d. Orders for garments will be taken. Members provide tea in turn, more promises are needed.—(Orgs.—Miss N. Crocker, Miss J. G. Roberts. Office—30, Bridlesmith Gate.)

SHROPSHIRE.

Canvassers, paper-sellers, and volunteers for clerical work will be welcome.—Org.—Miss C. M. L. Marwick. Office—37, High Street.)

WALSALL.

Many thanks to Mrs. Barnard for first instalment to library (books can be borrowed by members, 2d. weekly), and to Miss Earle, Miss Ryland, Mrs. Barnard, Miss Thacker, and Miss Broughton, Miss Cooke, and Miss Hepburn and others for jumbles.—(Hon. Org.—Miss F. Ward. Office—19, Leicester Street.)

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West of England.

BATH.

With a view to arousing interest in the country districts in Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, November 7, a waggonette kindly lent for the occasion took Miss Francis round by Paulton, Charlton, and Kilmersdon. Short speeches were made at each place, with the help of Mr. Goold and Mr. Swift. Will members please give all spare time between now and November 7 to working for this meeting. Gifts for shop gratefully received: Miss Batty, The Misses Crookes. Albert Hall Fund: Miss Balch, 10s.; Miss K. Brettingham, 5s.; Tollemache Quartet, £3 12s. 6d.; and donations towards cyclo-style for shop, Miss Blathwairt, 1s.; Miss Balch, 1s.; Miss G. Tollemache, 1s.—(Hon. Secs.—The Misses Tollemache. Shop—12, Walcot Street.)

BRISTOL.

Volunteers wanted for poster parades to advertise Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, November 6. Tickets to be had of members, also Messrs. Thatchers, College Green, Crichton Park Street, and at shop, where plan can be seen. Everyone must work hard to make meeting a success. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Freyer, £1; J. Milton, Esq., 1s.; Credit on ticket, 6d.; collection, 7s. 2d.; Mrs. Mason, 5s.; Mrs. F. James, 5s.; Miss Kerr, 10s.; Mrs. Paul, £1.—(Org.—Mrs. Dove-Willcox. Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton.)

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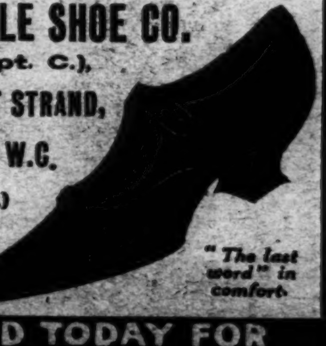
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October.

Friday, 18	Edinburgh, Leith Walk	Miss Macdonald. Chair: Miss Shaw	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Hunter Square	Miss A. Scott. Chair: Miss Moorhead	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Tollcross	Miss M. Scott. Chair: Miss Brown	—
,, ,,	Manchester, 32, King Street West	Annual Meeting	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Nottingham, 30, Bridlesmith Gate	Sewing Meeting	3-9 p.m.
,, ,,	Rochester, Northgate	Miss Billing, Miss Sharman	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 19	Bath, Beau Nash House	Jumble Sale. Miss Francis	6 p.m.
,, ,,	Birkenhead, Haymarket	Miss Woodlock	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Brighton, Seafront		3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Chatham, Town Hall	Miss Billing, Mrs. Rumsby	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Edinburgh, Mound	Mrs. Finlayson Gauld. Chair: Miss Moorhead	4.30 p.m.
,, ,,	,, West End	Miss Melrose. Chair: Miss Maclaren	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, St. David Street	Miss M. Burn Murdoch. Chair: Mrs. Charlton	8.0 p.m.
,, ,,	Redhill, Ladbroke Road	Mrs. Bouvier	8 p.m.
Sunday, 20	Birkenhead, 70, Argyle Street	British Socialist Party. Miss Woodlock	—
,, ,,	Brighton, Seafront		11.30 a.m. and 8.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Leeds, Woodhouse Moor	Dr. Helena Jones	3.45 p.m.
Monday, 21	Ayrshire, Town Hall, Old Cumnock	Mr. S. D. Shallard. Chair: Miss Janie Allan	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Bradford, 68, Manningham Lane	Tea	4-6 p.m.
,, ,,	Edinburgh, Roseburn Public School		—
,, ,,	Hastings, Lower Public Hall	At Home	4-6 p.m.
,, ,,	Newbury, Guildhall Hotel, Mansion House Street	Mr. Charles Gray	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Nottingham, 39, Bingham Road	Drawing-room Meeting. Miss Snartle, Miss Crocker	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 22	Ayrshire, Prestwick, Unionist Hall	Mr. S. D. Shallard. Chair: Miss Janie Allan	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Bexhill, Marina	At Home	4-6 p.m.
,, ,,	**Brighton, The Dome**	**Mrs. Pankhurst. Chair: Mrs. Zangwill**	**8 p.m.**
,, ,,	Edinburgh, Canonmills Public School	Mr. Charles Gray	—
,, ,,	Halifax, Mechanics' Institute		7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Leeds, 3, Cookridge Street	Tea	3.30-5.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Nottingham, 30, Bridlesmith Gate	Sewing Meeting	3-9 p.m.
,, ,,	Sheffield, 26, Chapel Walk	Sewing Meeting	6.30-8.30 p.m.
,, ,,	South Shields, Market Place		7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 23	Airdrie, Memorial Hall	Mr. S. D. Shallard. Chair: Mrs. Crawfurd	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Birmingham, Queen's College	Mr. Hubert Humphreys	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Cardiff, 27, Charles Street	Miss Annie Williams	5.30-7 p.m.
,, ,,	Cheltenham, 2, Vittoria Walk	Work Party	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Clacton	Work Party. Hostess: Miss Downs	—
,, ,,	Dundee, 61, Nethergate	Miss McFarlane, Miss Parker	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Newcastle, Burnopfield Schoolroom	Dr. Alice Burn, Miss V. Taylor	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Nottingham, 244, Highbury Vale, Bulwell	Drawing-room Meetings. Mrs. Shepherd, Miss Crocker	3.30 & 7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Redhill, Carlton Room	Miss Daisy Gibbs	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Walsall, Co-operative Hall	Miss Bertha Ryland	3 p.m.
Thursday, 24	Ayrshire, Mauchline, Temperance Hall	Mr. S. D. Shallard. Chair: Miss Janie Allan	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Chester	Miss Woodlock	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Edinburgh, 27, Frederick Street	Mr. Charles Gray	—
,, ,,	Leeds, 3, Cookridge Street	Social. Hostesses: Mrs. Dodgson, Miss Palmer	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Radlett, Parish Hall	Mr. H. W. Nevinson. Chair: Miss Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Redhill	Members' Meeting	6 p.m.
,, ,,	**Rochester, Corn Exchange**	**Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Joachim**	**8 p.m.**
Friday, 25	Ayrshire, Catrine, Wilson Hall	Mr. S. D. Shallard. Chair: Miss Janie Allan	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Bath. Drawing Room Meeting	Miss A. Williams. Hostess: Mrs. Davis	4.15 p.m.
,, ,,	Bedford, St. Peter's Hall	At Home. Tea. Miss Winifred Mayo	4 p.m.
,, ,,	Edinburgh, Bruntsfield Public School	Mr. Charles Gray	—
,, ,,	Twerton, Maybrick Road Hall	Miss A. Williams	8 p.m.

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Wales.

CARDIFF AND DISTRICT.

The Organiser will be in London for week-end, and office will be closed to-day (Friday) and Saturday. Miss Lettice Floyd had good paper sales at church meeting, Cory Hall. More helpers needed. Parcels for December Jumble Sale can be sent to office. The Organiser will be glad to meet members and friends, Wednesdays, from 5.30 to 7. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Downing, £1 7s. 6d.; Miss F. Thomas, £1 1s.; Miss F. Raynes, 5s.; Miss Annie Thomas, 5s.; Miss Kinghorn, 5s.; Mrs. Powell (lace collar), 14s. 6d.; Mrs. Price for five pots delicious home-made jam. Miss T. Bonwick (London) has kindly promised to address special Teachers' Meeting, Saturday, November 30. Handbills for Miss Brackenbury's Queen's Hall Meeting, October 30, can be obtained at office next Tuesday.—(Org.—Miss Annie Williams. Office—27, Charles Street.)

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Eastern Counties.

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT.

Miss Georgina Brackenbury will visit Cambridge shortly. Already drawing-room meetings have been arranged. Gratefully acknowledged towards expenses: Mrs. Causton, 2s. 6d.; Miss Agnes Weekes, 2s 6d.; Miss E. V. Bullock, 1s.; Miss Rose Weekes, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Buckingham, 1s.; Mrs. Curtis, 2s.; Mrs. Esson, 2s.; Mrs. Garner, 2s.; — Hammerton, Esq., 2s.; Miss Richardson, 1s.; Mrs. Ruston, 2s.; Mrs. Skeels, 2s.; Mrs. Symonds, 1s.; Mrs. Titch, 1s.; Mrs. C. Headings, 2s.; Mrs. H. Headings, 2s.—(Org.—Miss O. Bartels, 11, New Square.)

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Many thanks to all who sent parcels to Jumble Sale, which realised £5 15s. Thanks also to Mrs. B. S. King for gifts of apples and jam.—(Org.—Miss Grace Roe. Shop Sec.—Miss King. Shop—Dial Lane.)

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North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Members reminded of Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, Mechanics' Institute, Wednesday, October 30, and of desirability of selling tickets early, before people make other engagements, and of Jumble Sale, November 11. Members are urged to attend office Monday afternoons (see programme) to discuss plans. Large numbers of papers being sold at meetings in connection with forthcoming municipal elections. Miss Collins needs more sellers for Sundays. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Ambler, £3.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Millar Wilson. Office—68, Manningham Lane.)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Splendid meeting last Sunday addressed by Miss Millar Wilson. Many papers sold, and good collection taken. Mrs. Pankhurst visits Bradford, October 30.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Palmer. Office—3, Cookridge Street.)

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Tickets and handbills for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting now ready. A thorough canvass of town must be made before meeting. All members are asked to keep Monday, October 21, free, as on that day the "Women's March" passes through Newcastle, and a demonstration will be held in Bigg Market in the evening. Will members please call at office for cards for Mrs. Saul Solomon's meeting, Wednesday, October 30. JARROW.—Very successful meeting held Mechanics' Hall, Monday, October 7. Members asked to keep November 10 free, when Lady Isabel Margesson speaks, Mechanics' Hall. A meeting is being arranged in Co-operative Hall, Hebburn, for Mrs. Saul Solomon. Mrs. Crow will be glad to see friends and strangers at 1, York Street, Monday afternoon, October 28, when a meeting will be held. Social fixed for November 27. SUNDERLAND.—Miss Thompson and Miss Sutherland are kindly giving a drawing-room meeting for Mrs. Saul Solomon on October 31. MORPETH.—Very successful meeting held last Friday. This will be followed up by smaller meetings. Will any friends offer their drawing rooms? Another hall meeting will be held end of November, when Miss Brackenbury will speak. SOUTH SHIELDS.—Good meetings held Market Place; Miss Davison spoke. Members reminded of November 26, when Miss Brackenbury speaks in Congregational Hall. A good meeting must be ensured. WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting November 14, can be had at Salton's, Church Street. Help badly needed to ensure success of meeting. All who can canvass, bill distribution, &c., are asked to communicate with Organiser at once. It is deeply regretted that Mrs. Norman will soon be leaving. Her invaluable help will be greatly missed.—(Org.—Miss L. Ainsworth. Office—77, Blackett Street.)

SCARBOROUGH.

Annual members' meeting held 12, St. Nicholas Cliff, Thursday evening. Reports were presented, and general committee was elected, consisting of Miss Vickerman, hon. secretary; Miss Suffield, hon. treasurer; Miss Bremner, speakers' secretary; Mrs. Cooke, open-air secretary; Mrs. Wickman, VOTES secretary; Miss Wigney, Press correspondent; Miss Piper, shop secretary. Sub-committees for Rummage Sale were also formed. Drawing-room meetings were arranged for, and at close of meeting those present partook of coffee at kind invitation of Miss Vickerman.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss N. Vickerman.—(Office—33, St. Nicholas Cliff.)

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Whist Drive great success. Who will volunteer to arrange another? Members please attend meetings (see programme). Blouses are cut out, and dolls waiting to be dressed. Who will undertake to help? Miss Lilias Hawson has kindly promised to arrange another Speakers' Class; fee, 7s. 6d. for course of ten lessons. Proceeds kindly given to Cause. Those willing to join please call at shop, and put down names on list on notice-board. Volunteers to work up Jumble Sale in December needed, also Jumbles. Hand-knitted green woollen coat and cap being raffled at shop; tickets, 6d. each; profit for funds.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss Schuster. Shop—26-28, Chapel Walk.)

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North-Western Counties.

MANCHESTER.

Members reminded of annual meeting to-night (Friday), see programme, when officers will be elected for ensuing year. A good attendance is requested. Helpers needed for Sale of Work, Saturday, October 26. Will all who can assist in preparation of sale or at stalls please send in their names as early as possible? Mrs. Kineton Parkes will speak on Tax Resistance at the next monthly meeting, Friday, November 1.—(Hon. Sec.—Miss K. Wallwork. Office—32, King Street W.)

PRESTON, ST. ANNE, AND DISTRICT.

Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Rigby are selling VOTES FOR WOMEN at pitch, opposite Messrs. Heane, stationer, Fishergate, from 11.30 to 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. Will members make it known to inquirers and urge them to come and buy?—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Rigby, 28, Winckley Square.)

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Scotland.

ABERDEEN.

Many thanks to Miss Methuen for speech on Friday. Members asked to bring men friends to hear Mr. Charles Gray, Wednesday. A good attendance is wanted for speakers' class next Friday, 8 p.m. Subject, "Has Militancy Put Back the Clock?" Miss Ethel Hall has kindly consented to stage-manage play for December 14.—(Org.—Miss L. Mitchell. Shop—7, Bon-Accord Street.)

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Jumble Sale, ably managed by Miss McFarlane, realised over £7. Many thanks to all those who helped and to Mrs. Rollo for lorry. Gifts of books for library have been received from Miss McFarlane, Miss Cuthbert, and Miss Young. Miss Renny is giving an entertainment on Saturday, October 26.—(Hon. Org.—Miss Parker. Office—61, Nethergate.)

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Members warmly thanked for contributions to Albert Hall purse. Intending speakers please attend class, every Tuesday, 7.30, under direction of Mrs. Finlayson Gauld. Sewing class for Christmas sale every Wednesday at 7.30. Mrs. Grieve, of Coillesdene, and Miss Begg in charge. Articles cut out ready for taking home. Thanks to Mrs. Morley Fletcher for loan of sewing machine. Helpers wanted for ward meetings for Mr. Charles Gray (see programme). Jumble Sale, Saturday, November 2. Cart will call on receipt of postcard on Thursday, October 31, for parcels.—(Org.—Miss N. Barnes. Office—27, Frederick Street.)

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Hutchesontown outdoor meetings continue to be most successful, especially at Clelland Street. Speakers during last fortnight, Miss Naylor, Mrs. White, Miss Thomson, Miss H. McLean, and Miss Underwood. Jumble Sale to be held Cranston-hill Hall, Saturday, November 23. Those intending to contribute are asked to let Organiser know as early as possible, also to note change of date and place. Volunteers for stewarding at meetings are asked to send in names at once.—(Org.—Miss L. M. Underwood. Offices—502, Sauchiehall Street.)

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THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAUGE

A.F.L. annual matinée will be given Lyceum Theatre, Friday, November 29, 2.30 p.m. Among the items will be "The First Actress," a play by Christopher St. John, with an entirely star cast; a duologue in which Miss Lottie Venne will appear; and a piano sketch by Mr. Tom Clare. Tickets now on sale at offices, 2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C.

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THE CATHOLIC W.S. SOCIETY.

A public meeting will be held Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, Wimbledon, October 26, 8 p.m. Speakers, Miss Abadam and Miss Monica Whately. Chair, Miss M. O'Sullivan. Admission free. A few reserved seats, 1s. Also a drawing-room meeting, 32, Gledstanes Road, West Kensington, October 31, 8.30 p.m., by kind invitation of Mrs. Raikes-Bromage. Speakers, Dr. Alice Vowe Johnson and R. Raikes-Bromage, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S. It is hoped all members in these districts will attend and bring their "anti" friends. A new pamphlet, entitled "A Word on Woman Suffrage," by Mrs. Elizabeth Christitch is now on sale, price 1d.—(Sec.—Miss G. Jeffrey. Office—55, Berners Street, Oxford Street, W.)

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FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR W.S.

Two members, Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Harmer, are standing for Hackney Borough Council. Canvassers apply—Mrs. Rand Smith, 49, Dunmore Road, Stamford Hill, N.

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MEN'S FEDERATION FOR W.S.

On Tuesday, October 8, Mr. Prout summarised the chapter entitled "The Place of Woman in Society" in Dr. C. W. Saleeby's "Sociology" at "Fireside Talks." The Sunday afternoon meetings in Finsbury Park are proving a great success, and we shall be glad if members will come forward with offers to speak. Speakers last Sunday were Mr. Mark Wilks (whom we are very glad to have back again) and Dr. Macpherson; Mr. Percy Hawkins presiding.—(Hon. Sec.—Victor Prout, 28, St. Paul's Chambers, Ludgate Hill, E.C.)

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To the Suffragist occupying one of the comfortable seats at the Scala Theatre, "seeing the world from an armchair," there was only one regret, namely, that one cannot witness over again one of the magnificent Suffrage Processions that have so often beautified the streets of London and other large towns. Nevertheless, the performance is an exceedingly good one, and could hardly be more perfect in colour, movement, and, by ingenious methods, even sound. Last week the pictures included some beautiful views of poultry farming, and the prize chicks, which really seemed alive, had a great reception. The pictures were taken on Miss Edwards' poultry farm, at Coaley, Gloucestershire.

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The first class will take place at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, W.C., to-night (Friday). Members are particularly asked to be punctual, and to assemble in main entrance hall not later than 7.45 p.m. otherwise they will not easily find the room in which class will be held. The subject will be the latest position of the movement. Miss Leo's private classes take place every Saturday at 41, Norfolk Square, W., at 4 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton. Both these courses are open to members of the W.S.P.U. only.

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
2. The Class is held at Lincoln's Inn House, Kingsway, every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
3. Entrance fee, 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

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MEN'S POLITICAL UNION FOR THE ENFRANCHISEMENT OF WOMEN

Large and interested audiences listened to Mr. E. Duval and Miss Wright in Wandsworth, and to Mr. E. Duval and Miss Lennox, Hyde Park, on Sunday. Thanks to members who assisted at Hampstead Fête and Fair. The next important event is the Public Meeting of Welcome to Mr. Pethick Lawrence and to Mr. Charles Gray, Kensington Town Hall, November 8, 8 p.m. In addition to the two ex-prisoners, Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Mr. R. Pott, and Mr. Harben will speak. It is hoped that Mr. H. W. Nevinson will be back in London to take the chair on that occasion. The Secretary will be glad to hear from members and friends (ladies included) willing to steward on November 8, and to take part in Poster Parade on Saturday, November 2, 11 a.m. Tickets for meeting (2s. numbered and reserved, 1s. and 6d. reserved) can be obtained at office, on sale or return. Twelve helpers will be required, Victoria Park, Nov. 10, to hold banners. Already acknowledged, £1,664 15s. 4d.; "A Working Girl," £1; A. B. Randle, Esq., 2s. 6d.; "L. H. G. C. R." (per A. B. Randle, Esq.), 1s.; Miss C. L. Collier, £2 2s.; Membership Fee, 1s.; Sundry Receipts, £1 18s. 6½d.; total, £1,670 0s. 4½d.—(Hon. Sec.—Mr. Victor D. Duval. Office—13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.)

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IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY

First indoor meeting of season was held office, Monday, October 7; Mrs. Chambers presided. Winter plans were discussed. Tickets for Ulster Hall meeting, November 27 (speakers, Miss Muriel Matters and Mr. Joseph Clayton; subject, "The White Slave Traffic") are now ready, and may be had from secretary. Annual meeting, November 1, in office.—(Hon. Sec.—Mrs. B. Bennett. Office—27, Donegall Place, Belfast.)

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IRISH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Meeting held Emerson Club, October 8. Speaker, Mrs. Standish Smithwick. The next meeting will be held at International Suffrage Shop Lecture Room, 15, Adam Street, Strand, October 22, 8 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Sophie Bryant, D.Sc. A large attendance is anticipated.—(Sec.—Miss Lynch, Emerson Club, 19, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.)

THE CIVIL SERVICE WOMAN SUFFRAGE SOCIETY

A successful meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, October 8. The room was crowded, a fact which testifies to the increasing interest shown by women Civil servants in matters concerning the welfare of their sex. The chair was taken by Miss Gwynne, of the Money Order Department of the Post Office. In a few pithy remarks she explained the circumstances under which the Society came into being, its raison d'être, and its position with regard to other Suffrage Societies. She pointed out that there were, roughly speaking, 50,000 women Civil servants, and that since they were a privileged class among women workers, it was their duty to fight for those less fortunate than themselves. Miss Abadam, in the course of her speech, said that the headquarters of militancy were not in Kingsway, but in Ulster. Women who demanded the vote were accused of hysteria, but what about "Ulsteria"? Sir Victor Horsley spoke on the torture of political prisoners, and his comments on the cruelty of forcible feeding were fully endorsed by Dr. Letitia Fairfield. The following resolution was passed with one dissentient:—"That this meeting of women Civil servants calls upon the Government to enfranchise women during the present session of Parliament, and expresses its abhorrence of the practice of forcible feeding lately resorted to as a means of repressing the Suffrage agitation. It further demands that in future, first-class treatment be accorded to all Suffrage prisoners." Any Civil servant desiring further particulars of this Society should communicate with the Secretary, 39, Aberdeen Road, Highbury, N.

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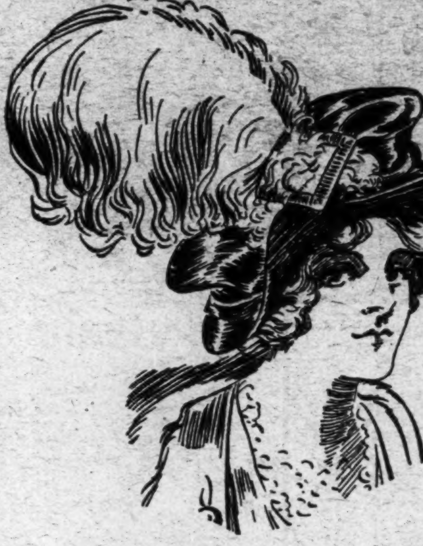

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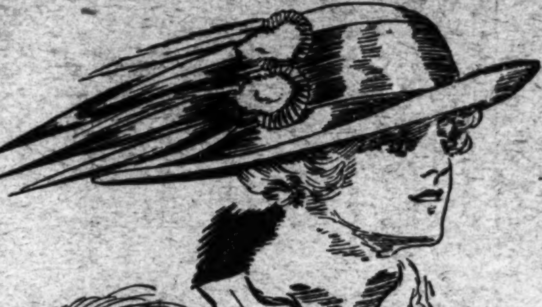

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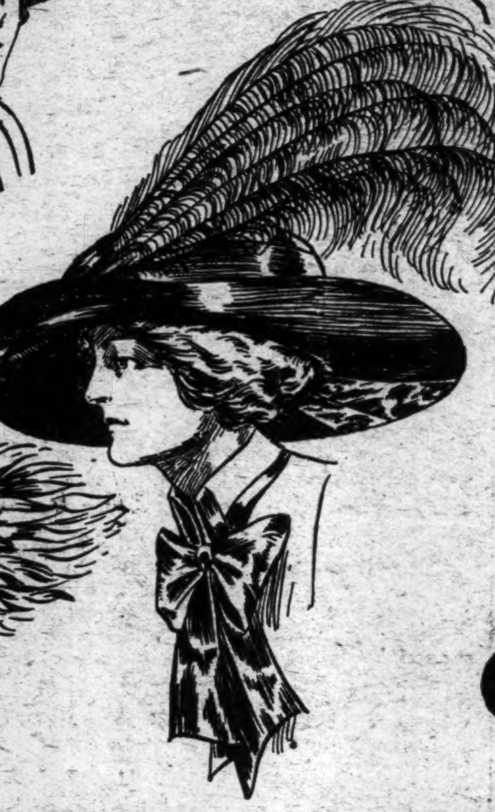

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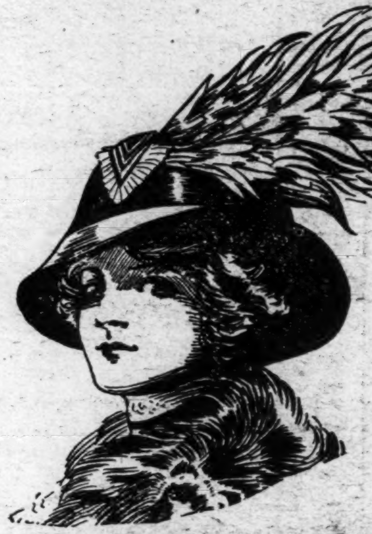

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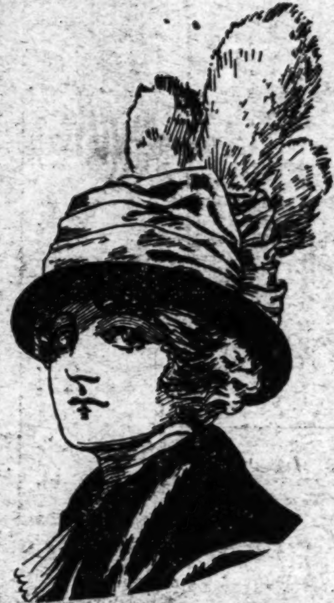

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